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Police opens new unit in Bridgend.

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LDP development sites revealed.

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Plans to scrap three councillor roles as part of boundary shake-up

BRIDGEND County Borough Council will lose three councillors from 2022, under revised plans being put forward by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

The commission submitted its final recommendations for the future electoral arrangements of the county to Welsh Government Ministers earlier this month.

It recommends a council of 51 members, down from 54, with 28 electoral wards - as opposed to the existing 39 wards.

The commission says the changes would result in a recommended county average of 2,096 electors per councillor. The commission is undertaking electoral reviews of all 22 local authorities in Wales with the

expectation that changes will be put in place for the 2022 local government elections.

It takes into account plans by Welsh Government to give 16 and 17-year-olds, and foreign nationals, the right to vote in local government elections.

Final recommendations are slightly different to the commission's draft proposals which involved a cut in the number of electoral wards from 39 to 32 and an overall reduction in councillors from 54 to 52.

In its report, the commission's interim chairman Ceri Stradling said the recommendations were aimed at improving electoral parity, so that the vote of an individual elector had an equal value to those of other electors throughout the county, as far as possible. Currently, there is a county average

of 1,979 electors per councillor ranging from 879 electors in Llangeinor to 3,216 electors in Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr.

The changes would see the fewest number of electors per councillor become 1,636 in Cefn Glas and the greatest number of electors per councillor become 2,563 in Pencoeed and Penprysg.

It is recommending 15 multi-member wards in the county, consisting of seven two-member electoral wards and eight three-member electoral wards.

Under the plans there would be no changes to nine electoral wards - Aberkenfig, Blackmill, Llangynwyd, Maesteg East, Maesteg West, Nant-y-moel, Ogmere Vale, Oldcastle and Pen-y-fai. Story continued on page five.

Official opening for watersports centre



The new water sports centre at Rest Bay.

Glenn's new book

ONE of Bridgend RFC's most fondly-remembered players, Glenn Webbe, has published his autobiography. For full details of the book, see page 7 of this week's GEM.

THE new water sports centre in Rest Bay is due to have its official opening tomorrow (Friday, October 11). It's an opening that has been eagerly awaited by Porthcawl residents since the impressive building started taking shape of the last six months or so. Indeed, news of the opening became a topic of conversation

on local social media.

However, there are official openings and then there are actual openings, so it may be a little early to stroll up there to try out the new cafe/bistro - which should boast very impressive views from its first floor base.

A BCBC spokesman told The GEM that the official opening marked the handover, so that water sports-based businesses on the ground floor would be able to move in, but it was not anticipated that the first floor cafe/bistro would be fully operational yet.

The new centre's ground floor will also include new public toilets, which were part of the old cafe building that was demolished last year.

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Council does not own Barry crest

I AM appalled that Barry Town council can object to the use of the Barry town crest being used at Wetherspoons Barry.

I am fully behind Wetherspoons' wonderful carpet, the design on the carpet representing Barry belongs to the taxpayer, and as tax payers use Wetherspoons, they are exerting their right to see this cultural property and enjoy the design, just as they would do in an art gallery.

The Barry Town Council, which is a total waste of taxpayers' money, does not own our Barry crest.

Wetherspoons Barry: keep the design, and the people of Barry will support you, not a town council that has no power, and should be abolished, just as the council in Rhosow was.

Karl-James Langford, Barry.

Vale Council should follow its own rules on recycling

I F the council want to implement changes to recycling, then surely it too needs to follow the rules they are implementing.

I ask myself why bother to go out and wait in queues to be sent somewhere else in desperate search of blue bags, when they are still collecting plastic bags containing recycling or whatever else they say they are trying to avoid.

I dread to think of the next plan, could that be a change of collection days? Judging by some staggered collections now, that's already happening.

Name and address supplied.

Does confusion reign over recycling rules and regulations?

I N Wales, 64 per cent of waste was recycled last year, as one in two (58 per cent) of locals admit they don't recycle properly because they are confused by the rules.

However, there is still a high level of confusion on what can, or can't, be recycled. And this has led to nearly half (49 per cent) of adults in Wales calling for clearer rules on recycling. According to new research by Confused.com, which reveals more than half (58 per cent) of people in the region don't recycle properly because they're confused by the rules in their area.

The research comes as new Freedom of Information data shows 64 per cent of waste was recycled by councils in the region last year, on average. This puts the region top of the rankings in terms of recycling rates.

Confusion around recycling rules however, causes more than two fifths (44 per cent) of people in Wales to improvise when it comes to how they recycle so here we try to answer some of the common queries.

What items are generally recyclable?

Some general materials that are

widely recyclable: Plastic bottles eg milk bottles, soft drink bottles, cardboard and paper; metal tins and drinks cans; glass jars, beer and wine bottles.

Items that cause recycling confusion

Polystyrene – the kind that you see in takeaway food containers or in appliance packaging – is generally not recyclable. Some councils may accept it at household waste recycling centres; check with your local council if this is the case.

Can I recycle black plastic packaging (like you see in ready meals)?

– Technically, black plastic material is recyclable. However, the technology that recycling centres use to sort recycling aren't good at spotting black pigments. This means it usually gets missed and ends up in landfill, so councils can't recycle it. If in doubt, try and use products with clear or coloured plastics where possible.

Can I recycle clear plastic packaging? – These types of plastic are recyclable. Make sure you rinse out the packets before putting them in the recycling bag. Any leftover food or raw meat risks contaminating the whole bag. Be careful not to recycle the plastic film that often comes with

this type of packaging. This needs

to be removed and put in the general waste bin.

Can I recycle aluminium foil?

– Aluminium is widely recycled, so it's fine to put in with the recycling. The same applies to foil takeaway containers. However, make sure the foil is clean – give it a rinse to remove any food residue. Soiled foil risks contaminating other recycling. If the food is well-embedded into the foil, it's best to put it in with general waste.

Can I recycle crisp packets?

– Crisp packets aren't recyclable. However, Walkers has committed to making all of its crisp packaging bio-degradable by 2025. In the meantime, you can either put your crisp packets in with your general waste, or you can take them to a dedicated recycling drop-off point.

Can I recycle aerosol cans?

– Aerosols are made from steel or aluminium, both of which are widely recycled. Before putting the can in the recycling bag, make sure it's completely empty. But don't try to crush or pierce the can as you run the risk of it exploding. If you're able to take the top off easily, please do as this will help it get recycled properly.

Can I recycle pizza boxes? – Pizza boxes are made from cardboard and so

are recyclable. Even if they're slightly stained with grease, you should be okay to recycle them. Use your judgement, though.

Can I recycle coffee cups? – In general, coffee cups aren't recyclable. This is because the cup contains a small amount of plastic in the inner lining to make it insulated and leakproof. An easy way to reduce your waste from takeaway coffee cups is to buy a reusable coffee cup.

Can I recycle receipts? – Paper receipts can be recycled. But receipts that are printed on thermal paper are coated in plastic, so can't be recycled. The problem is, it's difficult to tell which is which, meaning you could accidentally contaminate your recycling with non-recyclable materials. So unless you're certain, err on the side of caution and put them in with your general waste.

Can I recycle kitchen roll? – Used sheets of kitchen roll aren't recyclable. This is because kitchen roll is often used to clean up spills and so would be contaminated. Best put those in with your general waste.

The same goes for toilet roll paper. The cardboard tubes that you get when you finish a roll are fine to recycle, though.

Readers' Letters

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Not bowled over by arguments

I AM writing to express my total agreement with Jim Davies (Letters, October 3).

Local bowls clubs provide an excellent social and healthy environment for all generations, and now find that our council is cutting nearly totally the much needed support for these clubs to the extent that some, perhaps many will not survive.

Our council have on many occasions referred to this exercise as nothing other than a cost cutting measure, nothing less and nothing more, not just as Cllr McCaffer tries to explain 'giving control of facilities' to the clubs.

This being despite the same council's Service Plan 2018-2022, 'Strong Communities with a Bright Future' Adult Services, commitment to 'Encouraging and promoting active and healthy lifestyles'.

This cost cutting could seriously affect the social environment and well-being of many older residents, whose membership of a bowls club affords them possibly their only social, friendly contact with like-minded folk, with much needed physical exercise as well as mental stimulus.

It is well known that many members of local bowls clubs have declining physical abilities, and the occasional game of bowls not only keeps them physically active, but socially and mentally active. Bowls have even been mentioned in certain circles

(Chief Medical Officer for England) as one of the better physical activities for the older generation.

Once this facility for social interaction and physical exercise disappears, it will fall upon the already over-stretched council-run social services to 'pick up the pieces'.

They would have to deliver alternative amenities to provide (the older generation) with the active and healthy lifestyles described in great detail in the above mentioned council document; but at what extra massive cost in personnel and finance over and above the minimal savings in the withdrawal of bowls greens maintenance?

Mike Piper, Barry.

Coffee morning thanks

T HIS year, Macmillan's coffee morning fundraiser entered its 29th year.

In community centres, schools and workplaces, thousands of coffee mornings were held across Wales to raise money and help us support people affected by cancer. I would like to offer a huge and heartfelt thanks to every single one of your readers who held or attended a coffee morning – your energy and generosity never ceases to amaze us.

Thank you all so very much.

Richard Pugh, Macmillan Cancer Support

Health and safety is a grave matter

O N page 11 of last week's GEM there is an article entitled 'Safety Check for Barry memorial headstones'.

The story goes on that Barry Town Council is checking memorial headstones 'in accordance with Health & Safety law'. I'm curious as to which health and safety law is being complied with.

Health and safety is about sensible management of real risks. Yes, there have been cases of fatalities when headstones have fallen over; but is the risk that much greater than those of children dying on unsafe road junctions that it must take precedence?

Name and address supplied.

A thank you to a kind lady

E ARLIER this month, I was waiting in the rain outside All Saints Church, Barry, as I had an appointment at Llandough Hospital.

It was an unpleasant day and, at the age of 88, it is quite a trek for me, so I was absolutely delighted when a woman stopped in her car and asked me where I was going.

When I told her, she said she would take me. I just wanted to thank her for her kindness through the pages of The GEM.

I think her name was Debbie, and she drove a white car. It is good to know that there are people like her in the world.

Epinica Jackson, Barry.

Equal rights and wrongs

I HAD to chuckle about the article regarding the judge's ruling on the women's pension saga.

For years the suffragettes and women today have campaigned to have equal rights with men. The Government said: "Yes of course; we do not want to be accused of discrimination, and what a great opportunity to save money, so we will increase the retirement age to 65 the same as men".

Now women are complaining about their retirement age being increased.

If they win, I want a campaign for men's equal rights and the Government should reduce the pension age to 60. I don't think so.

James Wild, Llantwit Major

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL OCTOBER 17

Date	Time	Height (metres)
10/10/2019	05.22	8.4
10/10/2019	17.41	8.8
11/10/2019	05.59	9.0
11/10/2019	18.19	9.2
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13/10/2019	07.12	9.6
13/10/2019	19.24	9.9
14/10/2019	07.41	9.8
14/10/2019	19.57	10.0
15/10/2019	08.12	9.9
15/10/2019	20.35	9.9
16/10/2019	08.38	9.7
16/10/2019	20.55	9.7
17/10/2019	09.07	9.6
17/10/2019	21.26	9.5

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Ramblers set to hit the small screen



PICTURED above is a group of 43 walkers from Llangynwyd, near Maesteg, who drummed up money for BBC's Children in Need on October 5, for the third year running.

Walkers this year were joined by camera crews from the BBC programme Countryfile with clips of their fundraising walk expected to be broadcast on the show's special ramble edition set to air on October 27.

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Police opens new unit

A NEW offender management unit has been launched in Bridgend.

The integrated service became operational last week and includes police officers working alongside probation officers under one roof in Bridgend. Officers from the offender management teams have moved from Cowbridge Police Station and Bridgend Police Station to the probation service building. The police officers

at the unit will continue to serve Bridgend county borough and the Vale of Glamorgan.

Ian Barrow, Director of National Probation Service in Wales, said: "I am delighted that we have launched this initiative with South Wales Police. HMPPS in Wales works closely with our partners in the criminal justice system and this further demonstrates how our organisations work cooperatively and effectively."

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Charity concert at St Tyfodwg's Church

A concert will be held at St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr on Friday, October 11, at 7pm by the Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir.

It is the second year that the choir have performed at the Church and it is hoped that it will be as successful as last year when the Church was full.

This year it will incorporate a charity concert with a donation which will be dedicated to the Dreams and Wishes Charity who are dedicated to making a real difference to the lives of seriously ill children and their families. Their goal is to fulfil an ill child's dreams, which could be through gifts, a holiday of a lifetime or giving them a chance to meet their favourite celebrity.

It is hoped that people will support the event as it is such a worthy cause. Tickets are £5 each which includes a raffle and refreshments after the concert. To order tickets please ring 01443 673143 or 01443 672357.

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In the dock

Nurse convicted of fraud

WHILE on sick leave, a community health nurse ran her own private business which included offering botox injections.

Nicola Bevan, 43, was off work from December 2016 to June the following year, during which period she received £11,211 in wages which she has fully repaid, Cardiff Crown Court was told. Bevan, of Wimbourne Road, Pencoed admitted two charges of fraud and one of failing to disclose information.

She was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended for 18 months and ordered to carry out 200 hours' unpaid work, plus costs of £3,700.

The court heard she had previous convictions for producing and

possessing cannabis. Judge Eleri Rees said she had lost her way and showed poor judgement by becoming dishonest.

She said it was "quite astounding" that there were not only the present offences but the production of cannabis. The Judge said that while Bevan was on bail, she compounded matters by lying to her employers and as a nurse, disregarding a most fundamental issue involving the health and safety of her customers.

Prosecutor Carl Harrison said Bevan was employed by Swansea Bay University Health Board and had signed a contract not to carry out private medical work without their permission.

However, while on sick leave she ran her own business, Youthful You Wales, which

offered anti-ageing products including botox injections.

Suspicions were aroused and the NHS counter-fraud team discovered evidence she was trading and had duplicated prescriptions to obtain medication from pharmacies to be used in treatment.

Mr Harrison claimed Bevan put her patients at risk as they might have been given treatments that were dangerous.

Altogether, said Mr Harrison, she had duplicated 15 prescriptions.

Initially, he continued, she denied her behaviour but eventually admitted running the business.

As a result of the financial consequences of the offences, she was likely to lose her home, said her counsel, Lucy Crowther.

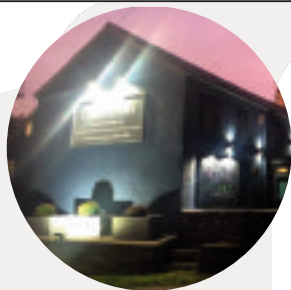
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Puppet show coming to Kenfig Hill

SEA Legs Puppet Theatre is bringing its production of The Ugly Duckling to St Theodore's Church and Wellbeing Centre, Kenfig Hill on Wednesday, October 30 at 2.30pm.

The show is suitable for children aged 3 and over. Meet a host of colourful characters, as they run the troubled duckling out of the farmyard into a cold, lonely world. So begins the hapless creature's journey through the seasons. Don't worry – in a grand musical finale to melt even the coldest of hearts, a happy ending awaits the humble hero. Tickets are available from Theo's Charity Shop or by calling 01656 742703.

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Jail for 'depraved' paedophile who had more than 50,000 videos and images of children

A PAEDOPHILE who pretended to be a 15-year-old girl to coerce teenage boys to engage in online sexual activity has been jailed for four years.

Jamie Hopes was tracked down by officers from South Wales Police's Online Investigation Team, who traced a graphic Tumblr video showing children engaging in sexual acts, to his IP address.

Police executed a warrant at his Maesteg home, which he shared with his parents, on June 5 last year and were told by Hopes: "Yes, I know what you are talking about, it will be on my mobile phone."

Officers seized a number of devices, two of which were found to contain more than 50,000 indecent images and videos of children.

The investigation found that 24-year-old Hopes, who was a training sergeant with the Army Cadet Force and regularly worked at family festivals as a registered door supervisor, had also shared a significant amount of the downloaded material with

fellow online paedophiles.

Further exacerbating his depraved offending, Hopes also kept a file entitled "For Bating" in which he kept photos and graphic videos of a teenage girl to deceive boys into thinking he was a young girl.

Some 40 young victims are thought to have been targeted by his deception, the vast majority of whom were coerced in to carrying out sexual acts on film in the belief that they were sending them to a teenage girl.

Hopes previously pleaded guilty at Cardiff Crown Court to 15 charges including causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, possession of indecent images of a child, distributing indecent images of child and possession of extreme pornography.

On October 4, he was sent to prison for four years, made subject of a 10-year Sexual Harm Prevention Order which will prevent him contacting anyone under the age of 18 and impose stringent supervision by police and partner agencies upon his release from prison.

He will also remain on the Sex Offenders'



Paedophile Jamie Hopes, 24, has been sent to prison for four years. Photo from South Wales Police.

Register indefinitely.

Detective Constable Carl Taylor, officer in the case, said: "Hopes was prolific in his downloading and sharing of indecent images and videos of children, many of which were of the most extreme category."

"This in itself is not a victimless crime – real children will have been exploited and will have suffered in order to make that material; abuse which will have a lasting, lifelong impact on them."

"Hopes, however, went a step further in order to satisfy his depraved interests. He targeted dozens of teenage boys on popular social

networking sites, gaining their trust by pretending to be a girl their own age, and grooming and manipulating them in to engaging in sexual acts.

"Our team have not been able to identify all of those affected by Hopes' offending, but of those we've managed to trace, all have suffered greatly and the abuse has had a profound effect on them."

"I welcome this sentencing, and I hope it provides those victims with some closure and allows them to begin rebuilding their lives."

Photo and information supplied by South Wales Police.

Perfect weather for a vintage tractor run



THE annual Ogmores Castle Vintage Tractor Run was held on October 6 in the castle field, by the kind permission of Rob Williams, Ogmores Farm Stables.

The weather on the day was perfect for the gathering of 54 tractors and all those taking part were welcomed at the start with bacon and sausage rolls and countless cups of tea, supplied by the lady members of the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society, who would give any bake-off programme on TV a run for their money!

The event was again run in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and also in the memory of Adam Llewellyn, who tragically died early in September. Adam had supported the tractor run since it started and his widow Hannah and children Iwan and Gwynnwen attended the tractor run; a moment of silence was observed before the run started.

Just after 10am the run took off to Ogmores-by-Sea

and Southerndown and then headed out to the Vale. One tractor driver took a left turn when he should have taken a right and took about a dozen tractors with him. However, Richard and Wayne, with the aid of mobile phones, got everyone back in line in time for the lunch break at Slade Farm in St Brides Major at 12.30pm.

Thanks must go to Rob Williams for the use of the field, the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society who organised the event and supplied breakfast, all at Slade Farm for their support and to the 'Chuck Wagon' staff at lunchtime. The two judges, Rees Lean and David George, had a difficult task in picking this year's Tractor Trophy winner who turned out to be Andy Barttle with his MF35 tractor.

The amount of money raised for Macmillan Cancer Support was £850, bringing the total raised at the Tractor Run over the past nine years to £5,437.

Basil George

Top: The tractors, like mighty beasts of old, assemble.

Below: Winner Andy Barttle with Val Weaver of Macmillan.



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Nancy's News

CHILDREN at Llangan School were excited to hear they had won Best Scarecrow in the Penllyn Scarecrow Competition, held in Penllyn last month.

There were over 40 scarecrows entered; Llangan School entered three and was once again successful.

The prize was a meal for two at The Red Fox in Penllyn, but Richard and Georgie agreed to donate Christmas crackers for the whole of Llangan School's Christmas party instead! The St Canna's autumn fair, which took place on October 5 was once again a success; with locals and visitors from further afield enjoying the many items to be won or bought.

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Happy to chat? Then go to Llantwit Major and combat loneliness

A COASTGUARD rescue volunteer is launching a 'Happy to Chat' bench in Llantwit Major next month.

Hayley Caffery decided to install a bench – which will offer lonely people or someone who just wants a chat a place to perch – after spotting a similar set-up in Burnham-on-Sea.

The bench, which will have a 'Happy to Chat' sign attached to it, will be outside of Llantwit Major Town Hall.

Ms Caffery explained:

"Loneliness or isolation is something that we all experience in our lifetime, in some form or another. Most of us have people to talk to, but there are a lot of people out there who don't."

"Just a few minutes of your time, as you pass the Happy to Chat bench on your way home or on the school run, can change the way we look at the world. So if you saw someone sat on the bench, would you smile or say hello?"

She added: "Let's combat loneliness and the stigma of people feeling ashamed or embarrassed of the fact they need someone to talk to and make the coastline a safer and happier place to be. 'Sometimes all it takes is five minutes to change someone's day, whether it be elderly folk who do not have relatives popping in all the time, or your average looking person who just needs a friendly face to say hello to.'"

The bench will be unveiled at 5.30pm on November 1 at the town hall.

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Carpetgate: Plaid tries to pull rug from under pub chain

A BIZARRE row has broken out between the owner of pub chain Wetherspoon and Barry Town Council over a carpet.

Tim Martin, the pub group's owner, clashed with council officials after his company laid a carpet featuring Barry's coat of arms in the town's Sir Samuel Romilly watering-hole.

Councillors demanded the carpet be ripped up because they felt it was "disrespectful" as punters had to walk over the coat of arms to get to the bar and toilet.

However Mr Martin refused to remove the carpet - which was fitted as part of a £700,000 revamp - as it would be "a waste of money."

And the town council sought legal advice on 'Carpetgate' with a meeting between the authority and Wetherspoon's solicitors set to take place in a few weeks' time.

One possible option to resolve the argument could be to take the case to the Court of Chivalry - a court set up in the 14th century to settle disputes involving coats of arms. The court has sat just once since 1737.

Wetherspoon boss Mr Martin said: "The carpet has been laid in good faith. This refurbishment has shown our commitment to the town, its residents and our employees."

"The crest was chosen because Wetherspoon, unlike many other pub operators, always likes to reflect the history of the town and that is what we have done in terms of the carpet, historical photos and information in the pubs."

He added: "The town council requested that we remove the carpet. We think that this is a waste of money, especially since the design of the carpet was chosen with the best of intentions."

"However, if an order is obtained from the Court of Chivalry, which is the correct legal process (this action has only been invoked once in the last 300 years, as we understand it), then we will be happy to comply with the order of the court."

He admitted that he hoped "legal shenanigans" could be avoided.

Wetherspoon spokesman Eddie Gershon explained: "The view expressed by local customers is that the carpet is regarded as a tribute to Barry, where Wetherspoon has successfully traded for many years."

"It seems absurd that a genuine attempt to produce something of local interest is being used for childish political posturing."

"The company has no desire for pointless legal action, especially in

an obscure court that has only convened once (in 1954) since 1737."

It's claimed a group of Plaid Cymru councillors are apparently pushing to take the national pub chain to court with Conservative colleagues urging them to have a major rethink.

Cllr Vincent Bailey, leader of the Conservatives, said it was time to put a stop to the "nonsense" and get on with more important work.

He said: "Taking Wetherspoon to court would be an absolute waste of money and the public backlash would be deserved."

"Frankly, Barry residents expect us to be concentrating on more serious things - and whilst some Plaid councillors seem to be gunning for legal action, it makes much more sense to come to a compromise."

Cllr Bailey added: "We are talking about a significant local employer and a popular pub. This could be resolved easily and that is why I have called for a special meeting of the town council so that we can put a stop to this nonsense, get on with our lives and start working on things that matter to our residents."

However leader of the town council's Plaid Cymru group, Cllr Shirley Hodges, retorted: "It was a unanimous decision by the town council not to give permission to use the Barry Town Crest. I am surprised that Cllr Bailey has now changed his mind, this decision was only made a few weeks ago."

"Plaid have asked for proper processes to be followed and I think this is the most sensible way forward. The town council has not made a decision to take the pub chain to court, so the request by senior Tory politicians for the council to 'reconsider' is very bizarre."

"Perhaps if Cllr Bailey attended town council meetings a bit more than the 15 per cent he managed last year, he would be better placed to inform people of facts and not fiction."

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has also voiced his opinion on the unusual situation.

He said: "I hope Barry Town Council will reflect and judge that they have far better things to get on with and worry about than taking on a popular Wetherspoon boozer over a piece of carpet!"

"Wasting taxpayer cash on this exercise is daft and I hope Barry Town Council will reconsider this decision."

A Wetherspoon spokesman wouldn't comment on whether Mr Martin thought anti-Brexit party Plaid Cymru were pushing for action because of his pro-Brexit views.

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Brackla's bloomin' marvellous



BRACKLA Community Council (BCC) was announced the winner of the Urban Bloom Competition 2019 with Silver Gilt Award.

BCC staff and councillors would like to thank Badgers' Brook Allotments, Brackla Primary School, Archdeacon John Lewis,

Mark Payne of Tremains Woodlands Rangers, Mike Punter of MS Property Management, gardener David Thomas, and Boverton Nurseries Ltd, which provides flowers and other materials, for their support.

A BCC spokesperson said: "Will be running event again next year, so if anyone is interested in entering, please contact clerk@bracklacommunitycouncil.gov.uk."

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Bridgend Plaid group has new leader

THE Plaid group on Bridgend County Borough Council has appointed a new leader.

Cllr Thomas takes over the role from Cllr Malcolm James, who held the position since May 2017.

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All at sea for Porthcawl Museum volunteers

A GROUP of volunteers from Porthcawl Museum performed a murder mystery play to a packed audience at the High Tide last week.

The play, over three acts, was set aboard the fictional liner the SS *Brogden* on the last leg of its journey from New York to Porthcawl.

It was 1912, just three months after the sinking of the Titanic and there was trouble brewing at sea as Captain Edward Pearson became increasingly unpopular among the crew and passengers.

The audience was set the task of finding clues to identify the murderers, with the help and guidance of Inspector Peach of Scotland Yard.

Cast members were Ceri Joseph, Paul Joseph, David Swidenbank, Viv Thomas, Richard Newman, Allan Doyle, Loretta Wilford, Ann Morgan and Veronica Rees.

They were directed by Glenys Davies with Anthony Callahan and Elaine Newman in charge of sound and props.

All proceeds raised were in aid of the museum's funds.

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Boundary re-jig plans revealed

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The commission is also recommending a number of boundary changes in Brackla and Porthcawl which would lead to changes in Brackla Community Council and Porthcawl Town Council.

Recommended changes are:

Caerau: A decrease in councillors from three to two. Blaengarw, Llangeinor and Pontycymmer: The three wards would be combined to form Garw Valley ward, represented by three councillors. Bryncethin, Bryncoch, Sarn and Ynysawdre: The four wards would be merged to form St Bride's Minor and Ynysawdre ward, represented by three councillors.

Felindre, Hendre and Penprysg: These three wards which already form Pencoed would combine with Coychurch Higher to form a new Pencoed and Penprysg ward, represented by three councillors.

Coity, Litchard and Pendre: The three would be combined to form Coity Higher, represented by three councillors.

Brackla: The existing

four-member ward would be split into four with a new ward called Brackla East and Coychurch Lower, represented by two councillors, and three remaining wards - Brackla East Central, Brackla West Central and Brackla West Central - each represented by one councillor.

Morfa and Newcastle: The two would be combined to form Bridgend Central, represented by three councillors.

Cefn Glas, Llangebydd and Brynhyfryd: These two wards would be merged to form a new ward called Cefn Glas, represented by two councillors.

Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr: Retain the existing ward - and an increase in the number of councillors from two to three.

Cefn Cribwr and Pyle: The two would combine to form Pyle, Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr ward, represented by three councillors.

Cornelly: Retain the existing boundaries and increase the number of councillors from two to three.

Porthcawl: Recommendations

involve moving part of the Nottage ward (Anglesey Way) into the Rest Bay ward, represented by one councillor. Windsor Road would move from Rest Bay ward into Porthcawl West Central. Part of the Newton ward which includes Trecco Bay and part of New Road would move into Porthcawl East Central - and the majority of the town centre would move from Porthcawl West Central to Porthcawl East Central. Porthcawl East Central would then be represented by two councillors instead of one. Town and Community Councils: Brackla Community Council - there would be 12 councillors instead of 11, with three councillors coming from the four new wards: Brackla West, Brackla West Central, Brackla East and Brackla East Central. Porthcawl Town Council: There would be 18 councillors instead of 19 with the numbers in each ward changing. Newton, Nottage, Rest Bay and West Central would have three councillors while East Central would have six.

New lease of life for children's garden

COMMUNITY- support services. MINDED staff from Zimmer Biomet in Bridgend have given a week of their time to bringing the garden at Brackla Meadows Family Centre back to life for children and young people who use the Action for Children family

support services. Jenny Eagle, who drove the initiative, said: "Zimmer Biomet Bridgend first began working with Action for Children last year during toy appeal and shortly after chose them as our charity of the year. The charity does such an amazing work. At Zimmer Biomet, giving back to our local

communities and to people in need is part of our guiding principles, and we were honoured to be able to help out in renovating the garden. Hopefully it provides a source of fun and sanctuary for the children, carers and parents." A spokesperson at the Brackla centre, added: "We're so grateful to Zimmer Biomet for their tremendous effort."

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Art group holds meeting

ON October 4 the Llantwit Major Art and Craft group had a demonstration by young artist Theo Crutchley Mack.

He showed his methods for building texture into his paintings by using tape and small slivers of wood, which are attached with adhesive and a nail gun. Then a texture medium is applied and several layers of primer before Theo starts to apply his first wash of colour using oils.

It was fascinating to watch, and be able to see how his pictures are created. Theo's first locally focused exhibition for two years opens on Saturday, November 2 at Oriol Mimosa in Llandeilo. More information is on his website www.crutchleymack.com.

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ON September 27, the year 12 pupils excelled themselves by making a fantastic range of cakes for our annual Macmillan coffee morning, held in the home economics department.

Pupils were enthusiastic and engaged for the whole morning as well as in the preparation for the event, and we were very pleased to raise a grand total of £287. Well done everyone!

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'Memory Lane' fundraiser

A MEMORY Lane fundraiser was held in conjunction with Llys Ton, at Llys Tom in Kenfig Hill.

All the money taken from tickets and raffle tickets and donations went to dementia research.

An event spokesman said: "We made £479 and the Mayor of Bridgend presented the cheque to Richie Maiorano from the Alzheimer's Society."

AS

Special measures school is still not up to standard

A SCHOOL in Maesteg which was placed in special measures more than 18 months ago is still not meeting the required standards, Estyn inspectors have said following a routine monitoring visit.

Plasnewydd Primary School underwent an inspection in June, having first been placed in special measures in January 2018.

The school was tasked with improving the quality of teaching and assessment at Key Stage 2, raising standards in reading, writing and mathematics at Key Stage 2, revising the curriculum so that it was broad and balanced, and challenging more able pupils.

It also needed to address various safeguarding issues and had to strengthen the effectiveness of senior leaders in identifying and addressing shortcomings in standards and provision.

In a report going before a Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) scrutiny committee on Wednesday, October 9, education officers said since September 2018, the school had received intensive support from both the local authority and Central South Consortium (CSC).

They said there had also been funding for other schools to work with Plasnewydd Primary in supporting it with their recommendations.

Meanwhile, a new chairman of governors was appointed in October 2018.

The report states that progress review meetings between the local authority, Plasnewydd Primary and CSC are held on a half-termly basis while Estyn conducts monitoring visits each term.

But in May, the school was issued with a 'schools causing concern' warning notice by the local authority with the school being required to send weekly reports to BCBC detailing how it was addressing the concerns noted in the warning letter.

In its most recent report, Estyn said there had been progress in some areas but the school still required special measures.

In their report to councillors, education officers have said that "very good" progress has been made in addressing the safeguarding issues identified during the inspection, adding that satisfactory progress had been made to improve the quality of teaching and assessment at Key Stage 2, and in revising the curriculum.

However, they said limited progress had been made in the other areas.

The report states the school will continue to receive intensive support, focused on addressing the actions detailed in a post-inspection action plan.

Estyn is due to conduct another monitoring visit during the autumn term.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Accolade for Bridgend AA patrolman

SIMON Blake from Bridgend is moving into the fast lane after being crowned Recovery Patrol of the Year – the AA's highest accolade for its recovery patrols across the country – at the annual AA Awards on October 5.

In his new role, Simon will spend the next 12 months as the public face of the company, representing the UK's biggest motoring organisation in the motor industry. Four finalists were put through intensive technical and driving tests, panel interview and mock radio interviews at the AA's head office in Basingstoke in July.

Simon joined the AA 14 years ago and has not been afraid to go above and beyond to assist others, whether members or colleagues. As well as his full-time role, Simon also helps to train new recovery patrols and has even encouraged two of his nephews to join the company.

He said: "Being shortlisted for Recovery Patrol of the Year is one

of the most humbling and rewarding things I have ever experienced in all my years with the AA. I am proud to be part of such a trusted brand and really enjoy the satisfaction of helping members in their situation. I've always enjoyed the challenges and variety the job brings, so to be given this award means such a lot to me; I can't wait to find out what's next."

James Hosking, chief operating officer at the AA, said: "These awards recognise the efforts of the AA people who go above and beyond to help others and Simon is a shining example of this. Recovery patrols spend the longest time with our members, rescuing those whose vehicles couldn't be repaired. As someone who takes great pride in his work, showing courtesy and care for members and colleagues alike, Simon exemplifies the values which set AA patrols apart.

"His award is true testament to his hard work, outstanding service and dedication and is a well-deserved accolade. Congratulations to Simon and all of our finalists and award winners."

Elvis had left the building, and the town, before WI quiz



'ELVIS had already entered the building' a few days before members of Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes arrived for their annual quiz at The Hi Tide in Porthcawl.

Thirty people – split into two teams – took part, all eager to lift the coveted cup for the highest score.

The ladies of Pentrych WI emerged as worthy winners in the end.

The cup was presented by Mrs Ann Davies, Federation chairman who thanked Claire Atherton and Jane Exell

for organising the quiz.

The Federation dinner featuring Owen Money and his band will be held this month at the Hi Tide, followed by a spectacular craft fair in Margam Orangery in November.

In December the Christmas season begins with a wonderful carol festival in the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea.

The craft fair and the carol festival are both open to non-WI members.

For more information contact the secretary on 01639 881588 or glamorgan@btconnect.com

Jane Exell

Preferred development sites revealed

THE preferred location of new schools, housing developments and employment areas in Bridgend has been published by the local authority as it continues work on the county's replacement local development plan (LDP).

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has said around 7,500 homes will need to be built in the county over the coming years to meet the predicted housing demand.

The council is basing its replacement LDP on an estimated residential growth of 505 homes per year and employment growth of 266 jobs per year.

It said the development will encourage a more youthful, skilled population base to counter-balance the ageing population, resulting in an overall population increase of 8.4 per cent or 12,151 people over the plan period.

The council has now published its preferred strategy for the future with development focused around Bridgend, Pencoe, Porthcawl, Maesteg and Llynfi Valley and the Pyle area.

Planning officers have previously said that because sites for 4,500 homes have already been identified under the current LDP, the new LDP would only need to determine sites for 3,000 new homes.

However, the preferred strategy

shows scope for the delivery that far exceeds that requirement. Officers have said the areas of growth will be subject to "significant refinement" to ultimately identify specific sites within the deposit plan.

A public consultation on the plans opened on September 30 and runs until November 8.

The Replacement Bridgend LDP sets out the local authority's objectives for the development and use of land in the county up to 2033.

The preferred strategy outlines: Maesteg and Llynfi Valley – Pont Rhyd-y-Cyff: A 50-acre site on land south of Pont Rhyd-y-Cyff is proposed for a mixed-use development comprising residential, commercial, leisure and employment. In total there are four sites which are clustered around Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

The site could deliver 500 new homes with the development potentially being serviced by the Llynfi Biomass Power Station, around 2km away. Much of the site is currently greenfield land while the south east of the site was previously a petrol filling station.

Maesteg Washery: A 33-acre site which is within walking distance of Maesteg town centre is proposed for residential development and/or provision of a new school. It is anticipated that 135 homes could be accommodated on the site. The site has come forward as the result of a previous reclamation scheme and earth modelling

works.

Former Cooper Standard site, Ewenny Road, Maesteg: Former Cooper Standard Automotive factory buildings were cleared from the 20-acre site following closure in 2008. It currently consists of a large flat area of concrete hardstanding.

The site is being promoted for mixed use development comprising residential, employment and retail. It is anticipated that between 135 and 150 homes could be accommodated on the site.

The site is currently allocated for a mixed use scheme in the existing LDP with outline planning consent having been previously granted for 138 homes, a pub, restaurants, retail and employment space.

However, officers said consent has not been issued due to the failure to complete a Section 106 Agreement. Historic mine shafts have been identified in two locations of the site, with officers saying they will form a constraint to development in those areas of the site.

Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Site: The 130-acre site is being promoted as a residential-led mixed use development with planning officers saying it could hold up to 1,350 houses with associated facilities. It is envisaged that the site will be developed in two phases. The first phase involves a new supermarket, housing, remodelling of Hillsboro Place car park, coastal

flood defence works and a leisure site. The second phase at Sandy Bay will be primarily residential and is dependent on completion of the coastal defence works along the Eastern Promenade.

A new school could be built next to Newton Primary School or the existing school could be expanded.

Bridgend – Island Farm: A 133-acre site, comprised of a mix of arable farmland, grazing land, and tree and scrub land, is proposed for housing, leisure and commercial use.

The site is located 1.5km to the south-west of Bridgend town centre.

Proposals involve allocating the land for 1,000 new houses, two new schools, and an indoor tennis centre with associated outdoor court as well as an office development and access improvements.

A new special education needs school could be built to allow Heronsbridge School to relocate to the site and leave its current edge of town centre campus available for an alternative use.

The site includes Hut 9, a German prisoner of war camp which is Grade II listed.

Parc Afon Ewenni: This is a 45-acre site which currently includes the police training centre and BCBC's Waterton highways depot.

The police centre is home to various South Wales Police facilities including a dog section, firearms unit, mounted section

and various sports pitches and facilities.

The two sites are joined by a parcel of land that has outline consent – granted in March 2018 – for a residential-led mixed use development of up to 240 homes and 1,100 sqm of retail/business/community use.

The entire site is allocated within the existing LDP for up to 650 residential dwellings, local retailing, community, business and recreation uses, together with improvements to the transportation network.

The proposal is for a residential-led mixed use development for around 400 dwellings, with a smaller highways depot being developed and South Wales Police relocating to a new building at its headquarters site in Cowbridge Road.

Land between Bryntirion and Laleston: A 566-acre site owned by several landowners could see more than 5,000 homes built on it and a new school created.

However, planning officers have said that to stop Bridgend and Laleston merging into each other, a development of 1,000-1,500 homes is seen to be more appropriate.

Pencoe: A 127-acre site at the Pencoe campus of Bridgend College is proposed for residential, education and public open space use.

Around 800-1,000 new homes could be built on the site with a significant area proposed to be

used as public open space which would allow for the potential relocation of the playing fields.

Pyle: A 250-acre site on farmland east of Pyle is proposed for a mixed use development of around 1,500 homes, a new school, a local centre and public open space. The site is divided into two parcels by the A48.

To see the LDP preferred strategy and give your views, visit the council website or go to the council offices or libraries.

Planning officers said the consultation relates to issues and topics discussed in the preferred strategy and was not an opportunity to make detailed comments on individual candidate sites.

A series of consultation events will be held at the following venues:

- A portable cabin at the Jennings Building, Porthcawl, October 7, 12pm-6pm and October 8, 10am-1pm;
- Pyle Library October 14, 2pm-6pm and October 15, 10am-1pm;
- Pencoe Library October 21, 2pm-6pm and October 22, 10am-1pm;
- Maesteg Town Council meeting room October 28, 2pm-6pm and October 29, 10am-1pm;
- Bridgend civic offices November 4-8, office hours 8.30am-5pm.

Elvis has left the building!



Some of the residents dancing along to the Elvis tribute act recently.

RESIDENTS and staff at RMBI Care Co Home Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court in Porthcawl enjoyed a special visit from the King of rock 'n' roll as part of the town's recent Elvis Festival.

The residents sang along with Elvis tribute act Wynne Roberts as he performed classics such as 'Can't Help Falling in Love' and 'Return to Sender'. Some residents got up and danced, while

others just tapped their feet to the beat.

A spokesman for the home said: "It was more than just a bit of fun, as staff know how enormously beneficial music can be for older people, particularly those with dementia. Research has shown that music is a powerful tool to help increase wellbeing and alleviate stress and anxiety."

"Even minimal movements, such as tapping a foot or clapping hands is enough activity to release pent-up mental and physical stress. For those

who are able, dancing to music is a wonderful way to exercise. Being swept into the rhythm of music can lower blood pressure and stimulate organs in the body."

Activities coordinator Hannah Hutchinson said: "Our residents love music and it's at the heart of many of the activities we organise here. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and singing along. We've no doubt that rock 'n' roll has the power to boost wellbeing for our residents."

Katie Sidwell

Local support on World Sight Day

P O R T H C A W L Lions will be in John Street, Porthcawl, today (Thursday) for World Sight Day.

The Lions will be handing out leaflets to encourage members of the public to respect their eyesight and have the necessary contact with their local optician.

World Sight Day is supported by the International Lions organisation, which is the largest charitable organisation in the world and is a member of the United Nations.

Via their world

organisation, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the Lions regularly support Sight First, which has brought, restored or improved vision for millions worldwide.

A spokesman said: "The Lions also collect and forward for further use all discarded glasses, contributing to a world record breaking chain of spectacles, all of which were passed on for further use."

"To support this just leave your unwanted specs at an optician from whom we will collect."

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Insurance company helps local charity

TOKIO Marine HCC (TMHCC), has made a donation to build a wet room for people who use the services of a Welsh homelessness and rough sleeping charity.

The Wallich, in Bridgend, raised a total of £10,000, as part of a recent initiative, to invest in alleviating homelessness.

The Wallich will use part of the donation to upgrade the shower services at their dedicated drop-in centre.

Ian Rowles, managing

director at TMHCC Bridgend said: "As part of Tokio Marine HCC's corporate social responsibility programme, the staff at Bridgend office recognised the growing number of homeless people in south Wales and voted to support The Wallich as our chosen local charity for 2019."

"It is with great pleasure that we have been able to provide our donation, knowing the positive impact it will make to those in need, in our own community." **AS**

Lexi makes her mark at motor bike racing



LEXI Morgan (aged nine) from Maesteg began racing motor cross bikes in the auto class in March 2018.

She took to the sport like a duck to water, and in her first year of competition Lexi soon showed she had a talent for it, managing fourth place in the auto

class UK girls' nationals at Brookthorpe in September 2018.

This year she has improved immensely and thanks to all the hard work and determination put in by Lexi and her stepfather Ross James, who

currently sponsored by Travis Perkins, coaches her, she took first place at the 2019 Coity Castle public UK girls' nationals at house in Bridgend. Wroxton in September. **Report by Mike Sully.**

Bridgend's Glenn tells his rugby story – 400 games for Bridgend, and 300 tries



IN a sport full of characters, Glenn Webb was one of rugby union's most colourful and his character shines through in a new autobiography, entitled *Glenn Webb: The Gloves Are Off* which has just been released by Y Lolfa.

His autobiography follows his life story from his childhood growing up in Ely, Cardiff, with his Windrush Generation parents, and seven sisters, through to his rugby education and legendary career with Bridgend and Wales.

He experienced racial prejudice during his rugby career, which can still rear its ugly head in the sport even today, 30 years later. His attitude towards the ignorance and racism was to face it with a humour and dignity which rendered the bigots powerless.

Glenn's autobiography also covers life outside and after rugby – the tragic death of his best friend Mike Budd, his battle with cancer, as well as life with wife Sally and daughters Lily and Marcy.

The book illustrates his humour and positive outlook and is full of behind-the-scenes stories of his tricks and practical jokes.

Glenn was the first black player to achieve cult status in Welsh rugby union, not least amongst the Brewery Fields faithful during a 14-season career with Bridgend in

which he rewrote the record books.

He was the first black player to play for Wales, the first black British player to appear in a Rugby World Cup and the first Welshman to score a hat-trick of tries in the tournament.

"The whole process has been quite reflective and I've enjoyed going back and recalling the highs and lows of my rugby career. Playing rugby for my country was one of the biggest achievements of my life, but I would have liked to have earned more than my 10 caps but, for whatever reason, it didn't happen."

"I'm just a boy from Ely who happened to be good at playing rugby, telling a joke and delivering a song or two," says Glenn.

Glenn Webb played for Bridgend for 14 seasons and his near 300 tries in 404 matches for them gave him a strike rate second to none. Geraint Thomas, co-author of the book said: "I actually played alongside Glenn for Bridgend in the early 90s, so I knew as well as being a brilliant player he had a huge personality as well!"

"I will never forget waiting to run out for my Bridgend debut, feeling very nervous, when Glenn turned to me in the tunnel and said 'So, are you any good?' – typical Glenn!"

Glenn Webb: The Gloves are Off by Glenn Webb and Geraint Thomas (£9.99, Y Lolfa) is available now.

Athletic Youth cut loose against Briton Ferry and the tries flow

BRIDGEND Athletic Youth kept up their winning ways in Ospreys C East Youth division with their fourth win and third bonus point victory to top the table with 19 points from the four games played.

The Ath had clear dominance up front against a much larger and heavier Ferry pack, running the ball from the off. The Ath lineout was outstanding and an off top ball spread wide by good hands from the backs fed winger Tom Davies, who crossed wide out for first score.

A long clearance by Ethan White saw the return kick come directly back to him and one long pass to returning full back Joe Watts saw him beat several defenders on a 60-metre run to cross under posts. White converted to make it 12-0

A shortened line out saw the ball fed to

outside centre Danny Osargie to break through several tackles to score under posts, converted by White.

With Ferry unable to break the Ath defence they kicked a penalty goal to reduce their deficit to 19-3.

Good strong carrying by Mike Gillet and Ryan Neagle to race 50m and score under posts. Conversion by Watts. 52-3

A poor exit from Ath 22 then saw the Ferry forwards carry and cross wide out for a short-range try. This was the first league try conceded by the Athletic this season, to the dismay of defence coach Paul Yardley!

The Ath went back to basics and quick ball from scrum half Josh Tidy, saw excellent hands by the backs to feed winger Harry Tellem who raced down the wing and then fed an inside ball to centre Tom Florence who

outpaced the covering

Sandville Self Help Centre meets and greets supporters at Porthcawl's Elvis Festival

SUPPORTERS of the work that is done at Sandville Self Help Centre braved the strong winds of the Elvis Festival weekend, to spread the word about the great

to join them for a selfie! The weather may have been unsettled, but there was a steady stream of well-wishers, stopping by to wish the Sandville all the best!



Council's £143k plan to restore 'historic' Harlequin building in Dock Street

AN historic building in Porthcawl is undergoing a £143,000 restoration – 10 years after it was almost demolished to make way for more car parking spaces.

The Harlequin building in Dock Street, which was built in 1920 is to be strengthened structurally with a new roof, windows and doors – and a full internal refurbishment to make the building suitable for a commercial occupier.

In 2009, the local authority tried to have it demolished to make way for more car parking spaces in Hillsboro Place car park, saying the layout of parking bays in that area did not comply with design standards and the building was in a bad state.

But the Welsh Government and Cadw refused consent as it stands within the town's conservation area and it was deemed to be a building of local interest.

Built by Sir Thomas Jones, the building was originally used as an estate agents before becoming the property of Great Western Railway where it served as the Porthcawl Railway station master's office and later a railway goods office.

After Porthcawl's railway link was removed following

a 1965 restructure, the building hosted a number of different businesses, including a well-known gown and suit shop called Madge and the antiques shop which later lent its name to the building.

Harlequin Antiques was the last business to use the building before it closed in 2005.

The £143,000 project is now being funded by the Townscape Heritage Initiative and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

Contractors are already on site and the work is expected to be complete by early 2020.

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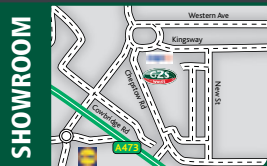
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Tractors to take over Cardiff

DOZENS of pieces of vintage farm machinery will travel through the Welsh capital of Cardiff for the first time on Sunday, October 13.

The tractor run, organised by the fundraising committee for Glamorgan's Feature Year of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, will shine a light on the farming community on the city's doorstep.

Vintage tractors and big modern machines will form a procession along a route stretching from Wenvoe in the Vale of Glamorgan to Cardiff City Hall, passing some of Wales' iconic sights along the way such as Cardiff Castle and the Principality Stadium before returning to Goldsland Farm in Wenvoe.

The Royal Welsh Show is one of the largest agricultural events in Europe and is the

pinnacle event in the British agricultural calendar, attracting thousands of visitors each year. The society's success is built on a Feature County system which sees a different area of Wales working to raise money for the society every year. In 2021, it is Glamorgan's turn, and the fundraising has already begun.

The society doesn't just organise big events like the Royal Welsh Show and the Winter Fair, it also promotes sustainable agriculture and conservation, it encourages new research into the industry and works to improve the welfare of animals.

Farmer and campaigner, Abi Reader, a member of the committee, said: "Farmers are facing a difficult time on all fronts. There is uncertainty surrounding Brexit, poor mental health is a growing concern and anti-farming campaigners are causing anxiety for the industry."

"We want to show the public in our cities the importance of the farming community to the environment, to the countryside and to Wales".

Teleri Glyn Jones, a journalist from an agricultural background is one of the organisers. She said: "Many people in our cities won't realise that there are farmers all around them, on their doorsteps. More than anything, we hope to raise a smile as we drive past the shoppers and tourists in the capital. It should be a big spectacle never seen before in Cardiff".

The Tractor Run is expected to start from Goldsland Farm, by kind permission of Abi Reader, at approximately 10am on Sunday October 13th. It will travel through Ely, down Pencisely Road in Canton, Cathedral Road, Cardiff Castle and City hall before returning to Wenvoe for refreshments.

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Another 'Iron Lady' who's not for turning!

A DOCTOR, dubbed the Iron Lady by her colleagues at a Llantwit Major doctor's practice, raised more than £2,300 for charity by taking part in this year's Ironman event in Tenby.

Dr Sarah Coleman

swam 2.4-miles, cycled 112-miles and then ran 26.2-miles in last month's triathlon. She finished the challenge in 13 hours and 50 minutes.

Ty Hapus, a respite centre for patients with early onset dementia, has benefited from Dr Coleman's fundraising efforts. She said: "Ironman

Wales turned out to be a spectacular day. The race has a reputation of being one of the hardest in the world and it didn't disappoint."

Dr Coleman added: "Weather conditions were perfect and the jellyfish stayed deep. The bike course was super hilly as is the marathon. I totally exceeded my expectations, finishing in

13 hours and 50 minutes.

"Thank you to everybody who sent messages and donations. I held on to this when things got tough."

"Your generosity is astounding. I am so grateful. Ty Hapus is a small charity and these funds will go such a long way."

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Farmers urged to plant more trees

AS a new 'window' for Welsh woodland creation grants opens on September 30 The Woodland Trust (Coed Cadw), the UK's largest woodland conservation charity has welcomed the doubling of the funds available for new woodland creation in Wales and is encouraging farmers to take up this opportunity.

Up to November 8, landowners in Wales can apply for funding for tree planting through Glastir Woodland Creation1. In all, £2 million is available. The Welsh Government Minister Lesley Griffiths doubled the sum available earlier this year, in recognition that Wales needs to plant more new woodland to meet its greenhouse gas targets.

Sharon Thomas from Woodland Trust for Wales said: "This is a great opportunity for farmers in Wales. I welcome the increase in funding and hope that these grants can be delivered without unnecessary bureaucracy. Native trees can offer us so many benefits, reducing flood risk, improving water quality, improving biosecurity and providing superb habitats for wildlife, as well as a renewable source of valuable timber."

"At a time when there is uncertainty around farming in Wales, the Glastir Woodland Creation scheme offers a great opportunity to farmers and other landowners to make use of all of their land in ways that are sustainable both economically and environmentally. Glastir Woodland Creation grants can amount to up to £4,000 per hectare. The Woodland Trust can offer free advice and support in

making use of these, and we're finding there is an increasing interest in this among landowners. There's more about the help we can offer landowners online at: woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees."

The Welsh Government's Woodlands for Wales Strategy2, launched last year, aspires to increase woodland cover in Wales by at least 4,900 acres a year from 2020 to 2030. It proposes an increase in tree cover in the wider environment, on farms, the rural landscape and in areas around towns and cities, both to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and also to create a resilient and productive agriculture and towns that are healthier and more pleasant to live in. The Glastir Woodland Creation grants are intended to encourage landowners to help deliver this.

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A look inside the Air Ambulance for Vale Probuc Club

MEMBERS of the Vale Probuc Club were given an insight into the work of Wales Air Ambulance by its south east Wales coordinator Catrin Hall at their latest meeting.

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Top tips for driving in wet weather

DRIVERS are being urged to take care on the roads if they get caught in a sudden burst of rain while on the roads this autumn.

Motoring experts at LeaseVan.co.uk have put together top tips for driving in wet conditions during a shower.

They suggest slowing down on slippery roads and making sure there is adequate stopping distance to avoid unnecessary incidents. Other advice includes making sure tyres have sufficient grip, pulling over and stopping in a safe place if downpours are particularly heavy and driving with dipped headlights on. Experts also recommend being mindful of other road users – motorists could be subject to a fine of up to £1,000 if they splash a pedestrian. Tim Alcock from LeaseVan.

co.uk said: "Drivers always need to be cautious of changing weather conditions throughout the year and surprising showers can pose a big risk. If drivers get caught out, top priority is to slow down, leave plenty of stopping room and make sure the car windscreen is kept mist free to help with visibility. Visibility can be quickly reduced during a sudden downpour and if there's somewhere safe to pull over and wait out the shower, then it's often worth doing. Wipers can struggle to keep up with heavy rain. Drivers also need to be mindful of other road users, the risks caused by flooded routes and excess surface water."

Here are some tips for driving in the rain:

1. Check your tyres and make sure they're properly inflated and have good tread to grip on slippery road surfaces.

2. It takes longer to stop when roads are wet and slippery. Allow at least double the usual separation distance between you and the car in front.

3. Keep your speed down when driving in showers. Drive slower and you'll have more time to react to hazards.

5. If the rain is particularly heavy, you may find yourself on flooded roads. If it looks too deep stop, turn round in a safe place and find an alternative route.

6. Aquaplaning: This happens when your tyres lose traction from the road. Roads with lots of surface water pose the biggest risk. Reducing your speed will help.

7. Make sure any heat is going straight on to your windscreen to stop it getting misted up and to keep visibility good.

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Praise for Sam Davies ward from carers' trust



AM Jane Hutt visited the Sam Davies Ward in Barry Hospital to congratulate Sister Linda Edwards and staff on being awarded the Carers' Trust Silver Carer Friendly Award.

The hospital is joint first to receive a silver award and the only hospital ward to be recognised.

Ms Hutt said: "I would like to congratulate the staff on the Sam

Davies Ward for achieving the Silver Carer Friendly Award. They do exemplary work to support carers, including organising regular meetings, opening a designated visitors room and setting up a dementia information board. Sam Davies is the first hospital ward to receive this accolade and I am so pleased that the hard work and dedication of the staff has been recognised."

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AT the weekend, I joined the protest and march, organised by Unison, against the proposed closure of the Sam Davies Ward at Barry Hospital. This is a huge issue which has united our community in opposition to the closure.

It's absolutely vital that our community engages with the consultation and makes it perfectly clear that we will not stand for local health services to be diminished. Barry is a growing town and the demand for Barry Hospital will only increase – but it must be supported and continue to offer valued services. Therefore, the Welsh Labour Government must reverse the proposals to close the ward.

The Prime Minister has announced a new hospital building program in England – where he is directly responsible for Health.

Locally, under devolution, the Welsh Government is in control of Health and we are sadly seeing a reduction in local facilities. The centralising of services in Cardiff

may work for Cardiff, however it does not work for Barry and the Vale.

The Prime Minister's commitment on health spending will mean that additional funds will come to Wales. Due to the settlement I helped to negotiate as Secretary of State for Wales, the Welsh Government will receive £120 per head for every £100 spent per head in England. With this in mind, it's vital that the Welsh Labour Government matches the PM's commitments.

I am determined that we get a positive result in relation to the Sam Davies Ward and that is why I have arranged a Community Surgery specifically to discuss the Sam Davies Ward proposals. The public meeting will seek to establish the facts around the public consultation, which ends on 1st November 2019, to ensure that residents can effectively engage with the Health Board.

The meeting will take place from 6.30pm on Thursday 17th October at Brynhill Golf Club in Barry.

I am also holding another public meeting on Brexit tonight, Thursday

10th October, at the Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge. I have already held a number of these meetings across the Vale, however I think that it is vital that constituents can regularly communicate with me on the biggest issue of our time and that I am available to update on the latest developments.

All Vale of Glamorgan constituents are welcome to attend either of my public meetings. If you do wish to attend, please register a place by emailing me on alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk or calling my office on 01446 748657.

The Prime Minister has now come forward with a Deal, which I believe offers a fair compromise and a route for the UK to Leave the EU on 31st October with a Deal. It's paramount that the result of the 2016 Referendum is respected and I am doing all that I can to ensure that Brexit is delivered.

On Friday I visited Crawshay Court in Llantwit Major where I met volunteers who took part in the Llantwit Major Garden Volunteering Project and the residents who have benefited from

The Secretary of State for Wales, and Vale MP, Alun Cairns writes for The GEM.

the scheme. I would like to pay tribute to PCSO Rhianon Cummings and Mark Ellis from Vale Homes, who have led the initiative, for their hard work in bringing this together. It was great to learn about the positive difference this has made and well done, also, to all of the volunteers who have given their time to support the project.

My plea to the Welsh Government: save the Sam Davies Ward



Hedgehogs and Glyn Houston – all part of Rhose WI's summer

THE summer season at Rhose WI got off to a great start with a fun filled evening in June when the fascinating puppets of Puppet Theatre Wales came to entertain and delight members.

Later that month the annual outing went to Stratford upon Avon, where a good day was enjoyed by all. In July and September talks on Glyn Houston and hedgehogs, respectively, were the order of the evening while in August a social night provided members

with delicious food in the form of an indoor picnic, and the chance to indulge in much chatter.

At the October meeting, the group learned about dementia and were provided with some interesting and valuable information about this illness, and how to become a 'dementia aware friend'.

At the October meeting, the president announced that next month our WI will be taking part in the Remembrance Day service as usual, and afterwards would be serving tea and coffee to all who attended. Also, the trip to the Christmas market in

Gloucester was announced, as was the Christmas lunch, which will be held in the Victoria Inn, Singtonstone this year.

At the group's meeting on November 7 a very lively night's entertainment will be enjoyed when Only Menopause Aloud will come and provide a musical evening. Not a meeting to be missed! Rhose WI meets every month on the first Thursday of the month at the community hall, Stewart Road and visitors are always welcome: why not come along and join us?

JR

Taylor Wimpey

THE GEM (September 26) included a report saying that the Vale Council was investigating developers at Barry Waterfront, and had issued warnings about work taking place outside permitted hours.

The report said that Taylor Wimpey was issued with a warning in August.

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Campaigners 'devastated' by verdict

CAMPAIGNERS have lost a legal battle against the government over its handling of a rise in women's state pension age.

Women's retirement age rose from 60 to 65, in line with men, and will go up to 66 by 2020 and to 67 by 2028.

Some women born in the 1950s claimed the rise was unfair because they were not given enough time to make changes to cope with years without a state pension.

They argued the changes were discrimination, but judges, who met at the High Court to make a ruling last Thursday, disagreed.

Judges deemed there was no direct discrimination on the grounds of sex because the age increase didn't treat women less favourably than men in law. They said: "Rather it equalises a historic asymmetry between

men and women and thereby corrects historic direct discrimination against men."

Campaigners from all across Wales gathered at the Senedd last week to hear the verdict.

Kay Clarke, who set up the 1950s Women of Wales and Beyond group, said after the judges announced their ruling: "To say we are devastated with the outcome is a huge understatement."

"We have had a clear message from the judiciary. They have not supported our case and our claim for restitution has again been ignored."

She added: "Let there be no doubt that we shall still go forward with our heads held high in the knowledge that we have been ignored once again and we must take further steps to fight this injustice which has stripped us, the most vulnerable section of society, of our livelihoods and our dignity."

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See Letters on Page 2.

Glenn Tutssel: an obituary



Mr Tutssel presenting Wales rugby team's headcoach Warren Gatland with a bottle of Penderyn Whisky

DESIGNER Glenn Tutssel, who was born and raised in Barry and known for product packaging, has died aged 68.

The former Barry Boys' Comprehensive pupil was renowned for designing bottles of Penderyn Welsh Whisky and the Royal Mail's Welsh Definitive Stamps.

He also designed and directed products for companies including Peroni, Bacardi, Guinness the BBC during his 50-year career. Mr Tutssel, who died last month, was given The Freedom of the

City of London status last year for his work at Penderyn Whisky. Mr Tutssel met his wife Jane, who is from Dinas Powys, in the Memorial Hall in Barry in 1968. He studied design at the University of the Arts, London School of Communication, and went on to found the branding agency Brand Inspiration Limited. Mr Tutssel, who was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, is survived by wife Jane and his two children Leon and Lauren.

Welsh Secretary hands over Marathon donation to Guide Dogs Cymru

AFTER raising over £4,000 for Guide Dogs Cymru through running the London Marathon in April, Alun Cairns MP has visited the charity to discuss how the money will support the work that they do.

The Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP handed Guide Dogs a cheque for £4,153.01 and also had the opportunity to donate a name to a guide dog puppy. The Vale MP held a public vote through his social media pages to determine the name, depending on whether the puppy is male or female. The vote resulted in a strong Gavin & Stacey theme with the public deciding that the names would be 'Smithy' or 'Nessa'!

The purpose of Guide Dogs is to provide life-changing services for independence of people living with sight loss and their friends and family. Currently, they support around 200,000 people in the UK and they aim to increase that to 500,000 by 2023. Mr Cairns said: "It was

fantastic to meet Guide Dogs Cymru to hand over the funds raised through my Marathon run earlier in the year. I've met them in the Vale in recent years to support the ongoing work that they do and I am delighted that this money will go a long way in making a difference to them.

"They make a real difference to improving quality of life for so many people and they deserve praise and recognition for this."

Andrea Gordon of Guide Dogs Cymru said: "We were delighted to welcome Alun to our centre so that he could see for himself how we train our wonderful dogs to bring mobility and independence to people living with sight loss. Alun has supported Guide Dogs' calls for audio-visual announcements on buses, helped to highlight the dangers of pavement parking and backed our campaign for taxi drivers to receive mandatory disability equality training. By raising this money, he will help to fund a guide dog of the future."

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Appeal panel members are paid a fee to cover travel and subsistence for the work they do. The amount of appeals that members attend during the year depends on their availability and personal commitments. Hearings take place during the day and are usually either half or full day. Full training will be provided for new members. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Training for posts will be taking place on Thursday 14th November, 10am at Stanwell School and all prospective panel members will need to attend this training. Please forward your application to: Mrs Natalie O'Leary, Stanwell School, Archer Road, Penarth, CF64 2XL, email: noleary@stanwell.org.

AM meets the Fibrofighters



Alan and Linda Winningwyatt, and Monique Kleuver meet Jane Hutt.

AM Jane Hutt recently met with Alan and Linda Winningwyatt and Monique Kleuver from Cardiff and Vale Fibrofighters to hear about their work to support people living with fibromyalgia.

The group was established in April this year and has grown considerably since then demonstrating the need for social support groups like the Fibrofighters.

The Fibrofighters meet once a week in Barry, Cardiff and Penarth and are looking to develop a group in Cowbridge. They provide a safe and

comfortable environment for people living with fibromyalgia to meet other people with the condition. They operate as an information centre, which includes providing practical support for people completing paperwork and applications.

Ms Hutt said: "I would like to congratulate Linda, Alan and Monique for all of their work to date and wish them all of the best moving forward. They are doing such important work supporting people with the condition but also to combat loneliness and isolation which many people experience as a result of living with fibromyalgia - thank you, Fibrofighters."

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We look forward to meeting you at Open Day. Alternatively, please contact the school at any time to arrange for a tour during the school day.

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Experts' tips for improving your garden drainage

GARDENING experts have revealed eight ways for you to lend your lawn a hand, now that autumn rain has arrived.

Frustrated gardeners whose gardens turn to swamps in the rainy months are offered (by GardenBuildingsDirect.co.uk) top tips for improving their garden's drainage.

If your lawn is squelchy to walk on after heavy rain-fall, or a sticky, glue-like layer of puddled soil forms near the surface, these could be symptoms of water-logging. This is caused when water sits on the soil surface and drains too slowly, or fails to drain from the garden at all. Poor preparation of the soil before turfing or seeding new lawns can also lead to this, and in the long term grass could turn yellow and die.

A spokesperson for GardenBuildingsDirect.co.uk said: "The British climate is notoriously unpredictable but one thing's for sure – there's usually a lot of rain. As such, many gardens in the UK suffer from poor drainage, and in the winter months things can be particularly bad. "Good drainage is crucial for growing plants and keeping healthy grass, so we've researched the best methods to combat a squelchy lawn."

1. Pricking, slitting or spiking: Pricking or slitting the lawn surface with shallow, 2-3cm holes can help garden drainage, but deeper spiking is even better, especially with a tool designed to leave deep holes. These holes can be filled with a free-draining material, such as proprietary lawn



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top dressing or horticultural sand, to allow the water to flow from the surface to deeper layers.

2. Grow more plants: One of the best ways to improve drainage in your garden is to simply grow more plants! This can be a relatively inexpensive solution while making your garden look nicer too. Plant choice is important though, as you'll want to choose something that can survive wet conditions.

3. Build raised beds: Building raised plant beds means that you can fill them with good quality, free-draining topsoil that gets your plants out of the boggy earth below. These can be constructed out of timber railway sleepers or brickwork, and will also create interesting features within a garden.

4. Improve soil drainage: If your drainage issues aren't too severe, simply improving the permeability of the soil in your beds may alleviate the problem. To do this, you'll need to dig in lots of organic matter, as soil with a high organic matter content allows excess water to drain through, while absorbing essential moisture. Creating your own compost and using this to improve the soil is a cheap but effective way of doing this.

On the other hand, if your soil is sticky and clay-like, it's advisable to add coarse grit sand to aid drainage.

5. Manage surface water: Managing surface water run-off effectively and efficiently is a great way to

improve drainage. This can be simply achieved by incorporating sloping surfaces within your garden, so that the excess water is directed to an area where it can be disposed of – for example, a surface drain or plant bed containing moisture-loving plants. This could be costly though, as you may need to hire a mini excavator to sculpt the contours of your garden. Make sure to seek the advice of a professional before you attempt anything.

6. Use bark chippings: Bark chippings are great for absorbing moisture, and thereby improving drainage. Not only are these chippings great at retaining moisture but they also prevent weed growth, help insulate the beds during cold snaps, and improve the aesthetic of practically any bed they're added to.

8. Install land drains: This is generally only recommended if your lawn is particularly bad, as installing land drains involves digging a trench in your lawn, fixing a perforated land drain, and then re-covering. Water will then drain through your lawn and into the perforated land drain pipe, which will channel it away from that area to whatever other part of the garden you choose.

Local by-laws usually prohibit you from channelling the water into public storm drains or sewer systems, so finding a suitable area to direct the water can be a problem.



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Cleaning on a budget – top tips for those awkward tasks

PENNY pinching gurus at NetVoucherCodes.co.uk have researched and revealed 11 top tips for maintaining the house.

A spokesperson for NetVoucherCodes.co.uk said: "Summer's nearly over, so families will soon be looking to get their homes prepped and cozy for the colder months ahead.

"If you're trying to do this on a budget, look around your house for some of these products that work surprisingly well as cleaning alternatives. From denture cleaning tablets and baby shampoo, to toothpaste and bicarbonate of soda, these items can each be used beyond their usual means so you can get

more bang for your buck."

1. Denture cleaning tablets to clean vases: Flowers can brighten up even the most miserable of rooms, but it can leave dirty stains on the bottom and sides of glass vases. To get rid of the stains, fill the vase with water and drop in one denture cleaning tablet. When it's stopped fizzing, the stains and musty smell will have disappeared. You can also use these to spruce up toothbrushes, and even jewellery.

2. Alcohol hand gel to get pen off walls: If you've got children, chances are you've come across pen marks on your walls at some point. You probably tried everything you could think of to scrub them off, before resorting to painting over them altogether, but surprisingly alcohol-based hand gel does the trick.

Squeeze a little bit of gel on to a soft sponge, work it into the pen marks and see them disappear before your eyes!

3. Sugar to remove nail polish: If you spill nail polish on your floor, quickly sprinkle sugar all over it while it's still wet.

The sugar will make the nail polish clump so you can sweep or Hoover it up off the floor – no scrubbing needed!

4. Hand wash with baby shampoo: Some laundry products, especially delicates like underwear, require you to hand wash them. But instead of shelling out for a box of hand wash powder which you'll hardly ever use, try using baby shampoo instead.

If it's gentle enough for your tot, it'll be gentle enough for your delicate garments, and you can buy baby

shampoo for less than 50p.

5. Hair dryer to clean radiators: Dust and pet hair often collects on top and behind radiators, and this can be hard to reach without dismantling it altogether. Simply blow your hairdryer back and forth on its highest settings to blow out all of the cobwebs, hairs and dirt.

6. Shower squeegee to clean carpet: No matter how much you Hoover, the edges and corners of rooms will collect dust where your vacuum cleaner can't reach, but you can use a cheap shower squeegee to dig it all out. Use the end of the squeegee to scrape the dirt out and then pop the dust balls into the bin.

You can use the squeegee across carpets more generally, to dig out embedded dust and pet hair.

A joyful, and grateful, Harvest Festival in Llanblethian



THIS photo was taken in the entrance porch of Llanblethian Church in time for the Harvest Festival Sunday.

Nick Broekstra

Rhosee Lifeguards compete at British Championships

KEEN to build on their success from the Welsh Championships, the Master, Junior and Nipper teams from Rhosee Lifeguards recently competed at the National Surf Lifesaving Championships held at Branksome Chine in Dorset.

Starting the week off, the small Masters team of Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Karen Hopkin, Lisa Sullivan, Simon Hopkin, Liam Sullivan and Stuart Wong put in some impressive displays on the beach and in the sea in very tricky surf conditions.

With the championships being held on the south coast, the team were expecting to turn up and race in flat-water conditions, how wrong those expectations were! With 40mph gusting side winds and a 3-4 ft wind swell, even the best competitors' skills were tested to the limits.

The Rhosee team put in some excellent performances and

rewarded with the following results: Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, first, Board Race; first, Ski Race; first, Double Ski and Board Rescue with Karen Hopkin first, Double Ski and Board Rescue with Karen, secondnd Board Race; third, Surf Race. Liam Sullivan, second, 1km Beach Run, third Beach Sprint; Stuart Wong, third, Beach Flags.

Rhosee Ladies, first, Ski Relay and Taplin Relay, second Board Relay. Overall, the team placed 14th out of 25 teams – a great result for such a small team.

Thankfully, the conditions improved for the youth competition, which was held two days later at the same venue.

Again, Rhosee only had a small number of competitors compared to a much bigger representation from other clubs. The team of Kiera Harris, Evie Wong, Xantia Hobrough, Ella Bulmer, Francesca Hopkins, Gwenno Goode, Jessica Hole, Fin Sullivan, Ollie Wong and Robert Grice performed excellently, gaining val-

uable points for the club.

Evie Wong became British Champion, winning the 15 year girls Beach Sprint and Beach Flags. Not to be outdone, Fin Sullivan also became British Champion, taking gold in the 15 year boys Beach Flags and coming second in the 15 year old boys Beach Sprint. Ella Bulmer had a great run to take bronze in the 15 year old girls Beach Sprint.

The Rhosee pair of Evie Wong and Xantia Hobrough took first in the 15 year old Double Ski, becoming British Champions with an enormous lead over the rest of the field.

The Rhosee team of Gwenno Goode, Xantia Hobrough and Evie Wong took bronze in both the girls 15 yr old Taplin and Board Relay. The Rhosee team of Kiera Harris, Xantia Hobrough and Evie Wong took bronze in the 17 year old girls Ski Relay, a great result considering Evie and Xantia stepped up an age group to race in that relay against older competitors.

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Barry RAFA travels to remember Guy Gibson



The graves of Wing Commander Guy Gibson VC, DSO & Bar, DFC & Bar, and Squadron Leader James Warwick DFC.

MEMBERS of Barry RAFA (Royal Air Forces Association) branch recently travelled to Steenberg in Holland, as guests of the ABS choir, to join them and local people in commemorating the liberation of the Netherlands and the 75th Anniversary of Wing Commander Guy Gibson and Squadron Leader James Warrick's death.

Members were invited to a moving ceremony at the Dambusters Memorial Park organised by the pupils of Gummars Basisschool, an elementary school in Steenberg, followed by a service at the graves of Gibson and Warrick.

Members also went to a service to unveil a plaque honouring the many airmen of several nationalities who lost their lives during the war years

over the region of Steenberg and Dinteloovd. A visit was then made to the new Wings Over Woensdrecht, Museum of Aviation History.

A group spokesman said: "Saturday was the highlight of the celebrations, with the Bevrijdingsconcert (Liberation Concert) which could only be described as attending the Last Night of the Proms with added soul searching and emotive experiences. The concert opened with three national anthems, of which the third was led by the ABS choir singing the Welsh National Anthem.

"The joyful ABS choir party on the Sunday afternoon, where songs and beer flowed, choir members and one or two brave branch members sang to their hearts' content in Welsh, Dutch and English. It was also the opportunity for Barry RAFA chairman Terry McKeown and Cllr Janice Charles and to present the town plaque and shield to both the Burgemeester (Mayor) of Steenberg and the choir."

Don't surrender to loneliness; use these tips to combat it

A NEW charity report suggests volunteering in the community can help improve your social life and mental and physical health.

Nearly half of people surveyed in Wales (41 per cent) say they have felt lonely over the past month, according to a new British Heart Foundation report.

The report also reveals that over a third (36 per cent) of those living in Wales would like to improve their social life and more than half (52 per cent) would like to improve their health. The charity said that these are areas that many of its volunteers claim volunteering has given a boost.

Nearly half of UK adults who already volunteer (45 per cent) said that their volunteering role had helped them overcome loneliness. The largest proportion of people who agreed with this statement were aged 25-34 (64 per cent), challenging perceptions that loneliness hits older people the hardest.

The BHF's new report, 'The Gift of Time', also suggests that volunteering helps millions with their mental wellbeing. The survey of more than 2,000 UK adults

showed that just under seven in ten volunteers (68 per cent) say their involvement in charity or community programmes has been beneficial for their mental health.

The report survey – which coincides with the launch of the heart charity's volunteering campaign – also revealed that, despite stereotypes of volunteering being a pastime of older generations, thousands of young people across the UK are giving up their time for good causes. The results showed that a quarter of 25-34 year olds currently give up their time for charities or community projects, compared to just over one in eight respondents aged 45-54, and one in nine aged 55 and over.

The results also showed that a key motivation for young volunteers is to gain new skills and experience, compared to less than one in five of those aged 55 and over. Meanwhile, nearly half of older people aged over 55 are motivated by making a difference, compared to just under a third of 16-24 year olds.

The BHF is calling on the people of Wales, whatever their age or background, to consider donating time to the BHF and discover

for themselves the life changing benefits of becoming a volunteer.

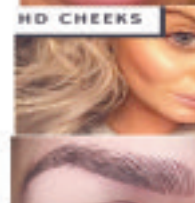
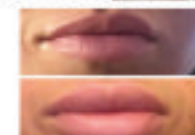
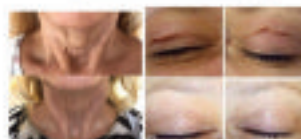
Linda Fenn, Head of Volunteering at the British Heart Foundation, said: "Volunteering has a reputation problem that we urgently need to address. Far too many people assume that it's just for older people and that it might not benefit them. But this couldn't be further from the truth. Our report has shown that young people have so much to gain from getting involved, helping them learn new things, improve their health and wellbeing, and make lifelong friends. Amid growing awareness of the importance of good mental health, we hope these findings will encourage people to give volunteering a go.

"Here at the BHF, we have a multitude of varied roles on offer, so there really is something for everyone. Whether you would like to join a fundraising group and be involved in community based activities or gain retail experience on a busy shop floor, visit our website to find out more."

To get involved in volunteering at the BHF, visit: bhf.org.uk/volunteer.

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Not too early for Season's Greetings, say CADS!



Like Waiting for Godot, but without the overwhelming sense of optimism, Season's Greetings captures the joy of a family Christmas. TWENTY-FIVE years ago, CADS' longest-serving active member Peggy Foster directed *Season's Greetings* by Alan Ayckbourn.

Needing a role filled, she turned to a young man who had been at school with her children and promptly started twisting his arm. Mike Chapman was duly recruited without the

option of refusal (anyone who knows Peggy knows it is simpler to just say 'yes'); little did he know at the time that it would be the first of a great many plays he would be involved in for CADS.

Neither did either of them know that they would be doing it all again this November.

This spring the November production was mooted and the chairman mentioned a desire to resurrect this comedy about family

gathering for Christmas, and the pressure-cooker atmosphere existing in such close quarters creates.

Season's Greetings is returning to the Market Theatre stage from November 6 to 9 inclusive.

Tickets for *Season's Greetings* (published by Samuel French Ltd and performed by agreement) are £7.50 from WG Davies Newsagents, or by calling Peggy on 01446 773167.

Autumn Arts Festival at St John's House

BEGINNING on Hallowe'en, and running through to Bonfire Night, 500 year-old historical property St John's House is holding an autumn arts festival, with a performance every evening.

As befits what is most probably the oldest habitable house in Bridgend, the small charity which preserves, conserves and curates the late medieval and early Tudor building is putting on this programme to relaunch the ancient St Leonard's Fair. This event was held in the Newcastle district every year on November 6, the feast day of St Leonard, to whom Newcastle church was dedicated, for centuries.

The programme starts on October 31 with storyteller David Ambrose, of Beyond the Border fame, returning to weave his own brand of seasonal magic with an unforgettable and spellbinding atmosphere. The Midnight Martini ensemble singers will perform vintage musical witchcraft on November 1 and on Saturday, November 2, Neath poet Phil Knight will Join Crow the Bard for an evening of versical performance, while the Shrinking Violetz rock band will perform a capella numbers on November 3. On November 4, CADW historian and Knights of St John of Jerusalem, the Knights Hospitaller re-enactor Roger Morgan will be talking about the horrors of plague, from the perspective of a medieval 'paramedic', whose order looked after the healthcare needs of travellers throughout Europe

and the middle-east, and will be joined by Roger's medicinal leech, Archie.

On Bonfire Night, November 5, the Pontyclun Simply Singers women's choir present an evening of upbeat numbers which will show off their passion for performance.

The friendly team of volunteers who make up St John's House Trust, and take care of this popular Bridgend attraction are confident that this week of performances will showcase some of the finest local and regional talents in the arts and history, while introducing more people to the wonders and mysteries of the ancient structure in their care.

St John's House may once have been a hostel for pilgrims, and it is known from Canterbury Tales and historical accounts that such wayside places to stay hosted a wide range of performances.

The Trust hopes that this festival will really bring St John's House to life, and show the audience what it might have been like as thriving medieval and Tudor accommodation for pilgrims and other travellers.

The events are being held in aid of St John's House Trust, with all proceeds being used to support the operation, maintenance, and future development of one of Bridgend's finest historical buildings.

Further information, including details of ticketing, will be released soon. Please visit www.stjohns-bridgend.org.uk/ or on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StJohnsHouseTrustBridgend/.

Still time to visit the marine art exhibition

THE latest exhibition by popular local marine artist Nick John Rees is still on at 23b High Street (the pop-up shop) until October 20.

The exhibition features around 50 original paintings of both local views as well as scenes from further afield as well as a selection of limited-edition prints.

The exhibition is open every day.

For more information see www.nickjohnrees.com.

Floral Society

'HALCYON Days in Hyderabad' is the title of a demonstration to be given by Arnaud Metaire of Winchcombe, Gloucester to members of the Floral Society on Tuesday, October 15 at 2.15pm in the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry.

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Events in your area

Tree planting in Llantwit

AT its latest public meeting, Plant Llantwit welcomed the Woodland Trust to the town when Maggie Elvey spoke about the work of the Trust and answered audience questions about tree planting in gardens.

The first tree planting will take place on Saturday, November 23 and all Plant Llantwit members are invited to take part.

Seed collection socials are also planned, with members gathering seed to grow trees for future planting.

For latest Plant Llantwit news, go to the Facebook page or email plantllantwit@gmail.com. Plant Llantwit membership is just £1, with application forms available at Cosy Fox and Wine Street Cafe in the town.

Membership is essential to take part in planting activities for insurance and safety reasons. Members can also enjoy discounts at listed outlets.

Table top sale

A TABLE Top Sale takes place in Peterston-Super-Ely church and community hall in aid of funds on Saturday, October 12 from 10am-12pm. Please come along and look over the stalls - entry is free.

To book a table and for further details contact Pat on 01446 760267, tables are £5.

This is in addition to the usual village market, where we sell delicious homemade cakes, preserves, produce, plants and a very extensive collection of books.

All proceeds go towards the improvement and maintenance of the hall.

We are also taking bookings for our Christmas Market and Craft Fair on Saturday, December 14 from 10am-2pm.

If you are a crafter or have something different and interesting to offer, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Pat at pat.cadwalladr@gmail.com or 01446 760267.

Major Music

ARE you a young person

between the ages of 11 and 24 who would like to sing, learn an instrument or just have a place to practice?

Major Music runs every Tuesday during term time from 6pm - 9pm at CF61 (formally the Youth Centre).

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We also offer one-to-one or group tuition on drums and guitar and we are looking to employ a vocal coach.

Gain confidence, learn an instrument, make new friends - music is good for the soul!

Entry is only £1, but your first session is free. Why not give it a go?

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold an advice surgery at the CAB offices, 119 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7TZ on Saturday, October 12 from 10am to 11am.

No appointment necessary.

Get involved – there's something for everyone this October!

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, October 13 meet at Wenvoe village church at 2pm for a walk to Wenvoe mast and the Downs.

On Monday, October 14 a walk 'Any Which Way!' will meet at All Saints' Church, Park Road in Barry at 11am.

On Wednesday, October 16 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry meet at Bron y Mor car park on Cold Knap, Barry at 10.30am.

On Wednesday, October 16, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge will meet at the Physic Garden fountain in Cowbridge at 2.30pm.

The Coffee Shop Strollers of Penarth will meet at 2.30pm on Thursday, October 17 at the cliff top cafe car park in Penarth.

Monday Club

COWBRIDGE (Gateway) Monday Club for adults with learning disabilities has been meeting monthly in Cowbridge for over 40 years.

As a registered charity, and run entirely by

volunteers, we urgently need to raise funds in order to keep the club going.

Cor Meibion y Machlud (a local Welsh male choir) has kindly offered to give a fundraising concert on Monday, October 14 from 7.30pm in Ramoth United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge.

Tickets (£5) include light refreshments in the interval. These can be bought at the door, or in advance from David Barnes, Dry Cleaners, in High Street. Please come to meet our members, and support this lively event!

Highlight Cuppa

THE next Highlight Park cuppa drop-in session is on Monday, October 14 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at Highlight Park Community Centre.

You are welcome to pop in for a chat and some company. We regularly meet the second and fourth Monday of every month.

Market Days

ON Friday, October 18, the Country Market will be in the Lesser

Hall of the Cowbridge Town Hall from 9.30am - 11.30am.

On Saturday, October 19 the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market takes place on North Road (Arthur John's car park) between 9am - 1pm.

Tenovus Quiz

THE Barry Friends of Tenovus will hold their autumn quiz on Friday, October 18 at 7.30pm at Barry Athletic Club, Barry Island.

Tickets for the event from Mary Thomas on 01446 733978, Beryl Holmes on 01446 408420 or Joy Ephraim on 07813 956897, or on the door; refreshments will be served.

Cinema night

AT St Mary's on Holton Road, Barry, the nights are drawing in, which can only mean one thing - cinema nights are back!

Light up your lamps and dust down your carpets, *Aladdin* is coming to town on the big screen on Friday, October 18. Doors open at 6.30pm, adults £3/£1.50 for children on the door.

Refreshments on sale.

Nature group

FOCUSBARRY is meeting at The Park, Park Crescent, on Friday, October 18.

Speakers will brief supporters about the 'Cardiff to Barry link road' and 'What's occurring at Barry Island'. The meeting begins at 7pm sharp and will finish before 9pm.

'Something for everyone' quiz

BARRY Action for Nature will hold an autumn quiz on Friday, October 18 at the Highlight Park Community Centre (behind Tesco) starting at 7pm.

Tickets £10 include a fish and chip supper (vegetarian option available). The quiz is open to all and teams will be up to six people. Questions are on a variety of topics and funds raised will go to Barry Action for Nature to help with its nature conservation in and around Barry. Call 01446 722295 for tickets, or email barryactionfor-nature@gmail.com.

Upcoming events at Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday October 10, there will be an animal portrait watercolour demonstration by Alison Fennel, an art tutor with her own online art magazine, and a demonstration of an abstract landscape scene by Hazel Pickering, a member of the Birmingham Watercolour Society,

who has had her paintings published in various books and magazines.

The society meets in the Old Hall from 7pm to 9pm on Thursdays for ten sessions each term. New members and visitors are most welcome. Details of this term's programme are available from Old Hall, Cowbridge and at facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

Success for the new Vale Makers Festival



VALE Makers Network hosted its first Vale Makers Market at the Old Hall in Cowbridge.

Visitors from far and wide enjoyed a range of high quality crafts on offer as well as the pop-up tea room, hosted by Cowbridge Food Collective. The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Cllr Christine Cave, visited the exhibition. The Vale Makers Market was part of the wider Vale Makers Festival which also hosted exhibitions in Colwinston and Wick. The project received funding from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Wales Rural Development Programme

2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government. Creative Rural Communities have been working closely with makers to develop the Vale Makers Network along with Vale Courses.

Sally Perini, area development officer for Vale Courses said: "The network is a great opportunity for makers to come together, share ideas and support one another. I hope this is the starting point of many future events." More information about the festival, and the network can be found at www.valemakers.org.

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Rachel tells Lions about her volunteer work in Peru

RECENTLY, Porthcawl schoolgirl Rachel Appleton visited the Porthcawl Lions Club to talk about her experiences on a volunteer teaching trip to Peru.

A Lions spokesman said: "Rachel gave an excellent presentation on her time in Peru, and showed off a shawl that she had brought back as a memento of her trip. "Porthcawl Lions president Joan Cosson presented her with a cheque to help with the cost of the journey to Peru."



Rachel Appleton with Joan Cosson.

FILMS: Four Lions transplanted to Miami, and Will Smith plays against himself

DAMON Smith reviews the latest releases.

THIS week: Will Smith faces his greatest enemy - his clone - in Ang Lee's action thriller **GEMINI MAN**... and Chris Morris directs the provocative satire **THE DAY SHALL COME**.

FILM OF THE WEEK
THE DAY SHALL COME (15, 88 mins, see pic right) Comedy/Romance. Marchant Davis, Anna Kendrick, Denis O'Hare, Danielle Brooks, Andre McPherson, Curtiss Cook Jr, Malcolm M Mays, Kayvan Novak, Pej Vahdat, Calah Lane. Director: Chris Morris.

Released: October 11 (UK & Ireland)
The war against terror is conducted by career-driven buffoons in director Chris Morris's barbed satire. Supposedly "based on a hundred true stories", *The Day Shall Come* shares a few strands of creative DNA with Morris's directorial debut, *Four Lions*, and transplants the hunt for radicals and terrorists to the sun-baked

beaches of Miami.

The script, co-written by Jesse Armstrong, amuses and unsettles, opening with a hilarious set-piece involving one potential target, who fails to detonate a fake bomb because he secretly suffers from pentapobia and the device's activation code is riddled with the number five.

Ludicrousness and uncomfortable plausibility walk side by side in Morris's picture, which paints US law enforcement as a circus of clowns willing to abuse the system to prevent a repeat of September 11, even if that means putting innocent men and women behind bars.

One agent casually explains that Muslims are fair targets in the current climate but African-Americans are not because, "We're down with brown but black is whack".

However, polished words seldom cut to the bone or draw blood.

Miami-based preacher Moses Al Shabaz (Marchant Davis) presides over the ramshackle Star Of Six community farm and mission.

This well-intentioned movement hopes to affect lasting change for poor people in the



community

"without the gun weapon".

Moses received

his call to arms when

God chose to speak to

him through a duck.

The congregation

includes his wife Venus

(Danielle Brooks),

their daughter Rosa

(Calah Lane) and

three loyal lieutenants:

Farmer Afrika (Andre

McPherson), Farmer

Evangeliste (Curtiss

Cook Jr) and Farmer

X (Malcolm M Mays),

so-called because he

loves the X-Wing fighters

in Star Wars, not because

of a deep spiritual affini-

ty with human rights

activist Malcolm X.

Undercover FBI

heads as proof of the

mission's dark intentions.

The Day Shall Come

benefits from a strong

lead performance from

Davis and appealing

spiky support courtes-

tesy of Kendrick as a

woman drowning in a

sea of testosterone.

Laughs are distributed

evenly across the 88 min-

utes but the sharpness

of the writing is often

blunted by slapstick and

characters, who veer from

whip-smart and painfully

deluded to cartoonish.

Those *Four Lions* from

2010 have been declared.

SWEARING :: NO

SEX :: NO VIOLENCE

RATING: 6.5/10

GEMINI MAN (12A,

117 mins) Action/

Thriller. Will Smith,

Mary Elizabeth Winstead,

Clive Owen, Benedict

Wong, Douglas Hodge.

Director: Ang Lee.

Released: October

11 (UK & Ireland)

In an age of garish

excess when cinema

audiences demand

more entertainment for

their money, two Will

Smiths in Ang Lee's

turbo-charged action

thriller must surely

be better than one?

Alas, one iteration is

a 23-year-old clone of

the *Fresh Prince*, brought

awkwardly to life using

state-of-the-art digital

trickery, motion capture

performance and the

leading man's voice.

The result is a curiously plastic and inexpressive doppelganger, who is ordered to put

a bullet through the head of his older self in bone-crunching fight sequences but must also

bear the bulk of the film's emotional weight.

It's hard to forge a strong connection to an age-reversed facsimile when tears in his eyes

are clearly the product of computer coding and the texture and pliability of skin looks synthetic,

especially when the character appears clearly in daylight.

Three scriptwriters insist on underpinning the loopy plot with a cursory discussion about the ethics of manipulating the human

genome to fashion a race of "perfect" beings.

We feel every second of the 117-minute running time, which sags noticeably in the middle

act before a thunderous final showdown that reduces one sleepy corner of the state of Georgia to smouldering rubble.

Our hopes for a revival of Smith's career lie motionless in the debris.

He plays former marine turned sniper Henry Brogan, who is contracted by the

Defense Intelligence

Agency (DIA) to carry out hits on foreign tar-

gets that pose a threat to the American people.

Henry successfully neutralises rogue scien-

tist Yuri Kovaks (Ilia Volok) on Belgian soil

with a single bullet fired at a train travel-

ling 238 km per hour.

When the dust settles, old buddy Jack Willis

(Douglas Hodge) invites Henry to his yacht to deliver a bombshell:

the intelligence on Kovaks was bogus and he didn't deserve to die.

Before Henry can confirm suspicions of DIA interference, he

is targeted by a covert military unit called Gemini run by Clayton

Varris (Clive Owen). The assassin is Henry's younger self, who can antici-

pate his every move.

Gemini Man stretches

a flimsy, linear plot

over two hours, plod-

dling between explosive

set-pieces including a

motorcycle chase that is

one of the few moments

in the film to take advan-

tage of the 3D format.

Smith sheds his

trademark wisecracks

in a thankless lead role.

SWEARING :: NO

SEX :: VIOLENCE

RATING: 4.5/10

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The New Ford Ranger 'Limited' Super Cab – review by Tony Yates

I recently managed to get hold of a brand new Ford Ranger 'Limited' Super Cab.

So, all that needs to be asked is: can Ford pull off a neat trick with the new Ford Ranger Limited?

Power and Efficiency:

The 'Limited' version I had on test was fitted with a 2.0-litre EcoBlue TDCi (170 PS) diesel engine and a 6-speed manual gearbox.

Torque, well let's just say it has more than enough grunt to keep you going. Combined fuel consumption? Well, let's just say it was good, plus the brilliant thing about owning a Ford Ranger is that it will basically tow a ship or anything else that takes your fancy.

On the road: Well, it's basically a pickup truck. So it acts just like a pickup truck, meaning it's slow, but

it feels fast because you are up so high. The suspension is quite hard, but still soft enough to iron out a majority of bumps on the road. If you do manage to get a good turn of speed going then the chassis feels good and tight.

Interior & Technology:

The inside was kitted out very well, and here are some of the features you can expect to get as standard on the Ford Ranger 'Limited': Load

box bedliner inc. power point and tie-down hooks, front fog lights, ICE feature pack Inside, chrome door handles, leather gear shift knob, leather-wrapped steering wheel, driver seat back mounted map pocket, electrochromic inside mirror.

Plus: 7.0 x 16" silver alloy wheels (with 16" steel spare wheel) Even the seating is brilliant and nothing

door handle, chrome lift/decklid handle, tailgate (with easy-lift/lower mechanism) rain sensitive windshield wipers, rear bumper chrome underrun, projector-beam headlamps and dual power heated fold back mirrors.

Yes, I know what you are thinking – it looks nice, but I bet it can't go off-road.

Wrong! It does that brilliantly too.

I kid you not, it was better than I ever imagined it to be and that's partly thanks to Ford's clever four-wheel drive system that is optimised to get the best out of the Ranger.

I can also tell you that the inside does not feel cheaply made either, and you get plenty of toys to play with and all the controls are set out nicely with many of the buttons and switches having a quality feel.

Even the seating is brilliant and nothing



The new Ford Ranger 'Limited' Super Cab

like you would expect

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Bro Radio volunteers are award nominees!

BRO Radio, the local community radio station for the Vale of Glamorgan, has been shortlisted for eight awards at the annual Community Radio Awards.

The shortlist was whittled down from more than 425 entries from every corner of the UK.

Bro Radio's eight nominations include two for its Community Awards, held in March of this year, one for its coverage of Local Radio Day, along with individual nominations in Young Person of the Year, Sage (over 60) person and Volunteer of the year.

Bro Radio's Community Awards nominations are:

- Community development project of the year - Bro Radio's Community Awards.



- Community Show of the year - The Vale This Week.

- Live Event/OB - Local Radio Day 2019.

- Specialist Music Show - It's Showtime with Ryan & Jodanna.



- Volunteer of the Year - Gareth Knight. (Above left).

- Young Person of the Year - Kane McMahon. (Above right).

- Sage (over 60) person - Geoff Selby. (Above centre).

- Innovation Award - Bro Radio's



Community Awards.

Nathan Spackman, Bro Radio's operations director, said: "I'm delighted that we have been recognised among a large number of other stations doing great work across the UK."

"All of our nominees are volunteers

and work hard week in, week out to create great local radio for the community we serve and they deserve to be recognised at these awards."

"Our Community Radio Awards was a great way to celebrate the local people we serve and I'd like to dedicate this nomination to all of our finalists and winners from the event in March."

Martin Steers, awards chair, said: "Now in their third year, the entries are getting better and better, and we're really able to show off the diverse broadcasting that the country's stations undertake for their communities."

The Community Radio Awards will this year be held in Barry on October 26 at the Memo Arts Centre.

Quality produce at Wick Horticultural Society Vegetable and Flower Show



Iwan Harler-Witts - childrens.

Wick Horticultural Society held its 51st annual Open Vegetable and Flower Show recently. Even with the wet and windy weather causing havoc with gardens over the past few weeks, entries in most sections were well represented. Overall the event had plenty of support.

A few of the vegetable categories were missing this year but this was balanced out with a positive glut of tomatoes, including several heritage varieties.

Vegetable judge, Bill Lee, remarked that the winning tomatoes and onions were of "superb" quality. Indeed the tomatoes went on to win Best in Show for Mr Tim Prior.

The fruit section featured some beautiful entries in the apples (despite those pesky wasps!) and there were even some more exotic fruits on display such as tomatillos and cucamelons.

Cakes too were a popular entry, with many bakers attempting the rather crumbly 'Dorset Apple Cake' recipe. There were so many baking and preserve entries this year that judging was only completed minutes before the show opened.

The winner in this section was a delicious looking Victoria sandwich baked by Julie Lazenby.

Similarly there were plenty of flowers on display. Here some of the 'old hands' were given a run for their money by Theo and Ceidio Davies, both aged nine, who displayed some impressive dahlias.

The flower cup was won by Tim Fowler. There were also some lovely floral displays with Sue Evans taking the cup for these.

In the children's section there was a good range of entries and it was apparent that a great deal of thought and effort had gone into making them. Congratulations to Iwan Harler-Witts for his winning fruit crab.

Ron Ayres, chairman of Wick Horticultural Society, said: "I feel that this has been a very



Julie Lazenby - baking.

successful show and it was nice to see so many new faces. I hope that it will encourage more youngsters to enter next year."

The committee would like to thank the judges: Bill Lee, Anne Evans, Maureen Griffin and Kath Mephram, together with everyone who gave their time to make this a successful event. We look forward to seeing even more entries next

year. Report and photographs by Mike Rhodes

Cup winners: Vegetables: Tim Prior; Fruit: Nicola Harler-Witts; Collection of Vegetables: Claudia Jones; Flowers: Tim Fowler; Floral Arrangement: Sue Evans; Home Baking: Julie Lazenby; Children's Award: Iwan Harler-Witts; Best in Show: Tim Prior.



Tim Prior - vegetables and best in show.



Claudia Jones - collection of vegetables.



Sue Evans - flower arrangement.



Tim Fowler - flowers.



Nicola Harler-Witts - fruit.

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Flowers may be sent or donations in lieu, if so desired, for Velindre Hospital c/o the funeral director.

EDMONDS Natalie Mary

Suddenly on 27th September 2019, Natalie, aged 84 years. Beloved wife of the late Ray. Natalie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Friday, 18th October at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 3pm.

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LUDVIGSEN Constance (Min)

Suddenly at Barry Hospital on the 1st October, aged 93. Min loving wife to the late Valentine, adored mum to Valerie, Angela, Jacqueline and Gloria. A much loved grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and sister.

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DAVIES Cynthia Kay

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GARVIE Robert Michael (George)

Robert (George) died unexpectedly at home on 26th September, aged 81 years, much loved husband of the late Margaret. An adored and loving father to Laura-Sian and Carl and dear father-in-law to Louisa. Much loved grandfather to Luke, Jacob, Ffion and Liam.

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A wake will be held at The West House Hotel in Llantwit Major from 3.30pm onwards and those who are unable to attend the funeral service are also invited to celebrate Robert's life.

Family flowers only please. If desired, donations in memory of Robert, may be made to the British Heart Foundation.

ROLLASON Sian

Peacefully on 27th September, at home in the presence of her family, Sian of Wick. Beloved wife of the late Paul, loving mother of Gareth, Amie and Kristian, much loved Nanny to Ioan, Neve and Isla and dear sister to Rhys and Gaynor. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

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HALL Brian

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Brian will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

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FORD Jean

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PRINCE Rhian Tegwen (née Gillard)

Peacefully on 1st October surrounded by her loving family, Rhian sadly passed away. A devoted wife to Alan and much loved mum of Rhys. Loving aunt to all her nieces and nephews, especially Kelly Bichard whom Rhian helped raise. Loving great-great aunt to Oscar and Harry, special grandma of Eizan. Rhian will be so dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service until her service at St David's Church, Barry on Wednesday, 16th October at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Glyntaff Crematorium.

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GARDNER (Catherine Jane (née Key))

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Paula, Rhys, Carys and family would like to thank all those who attended Colin's funeral on 27th September, for the kind messages of sympathy received, cards, flowers and generous donations to Marie Curie and Velindre Cancer Centre.

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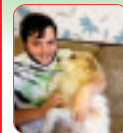
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Welsh Rugby Clubs Lodge supports grassroots mini rugby



BARRY RFC Mini & Junior rugby were the beneficiaries of a £1,000 donation from Welsh Rugby Clubs Lodge at a Rugby World Cup social event at Penarth Masonic Hall.

Pictured receiving the money on behalf of Barry RFC Mini & Juniors are

Dave Provis and James Hill, from club captain Paul Haley of Welsh Rugby Clubs Lodge.

Paul said: "Welsh Rugby Clubs Lodge is being established by rugby loving freemasons from across Wales to support grassroots mini rugby."

"Our motto is 'Passing It Forward' to reflect the club members' aim to pass their love

of the game to a new generation.

"We are delighted to support Barry RFC Mini & Juniors who do so much for young people in the community with a very well supported junior section."

Legendary rugby BBC Scrum V presenter and comedian Phil Steele entertained a large enthusiastic audience with hilarious stories of

triumph and adversity on and off the pitch.

Deputy captain Clive Thomas then presented Phil Steele with an award for outstanding contributions to grassroots rugby.

Phil Steele said: "I'm very humbled to receive this honour. Congratulations and best wishes to all at Welsh Rugby Clubs Lodge for the future in supporting Welsh mini rugby."

An outstanding contribution to grassroots rugby award was presented to well-known former Barry school teacher and artist Jeff Giggis by club captain Paul Haley, who was first introduced to mini rugby by Jeff at Romilly Junior School in Barry in the 1970s.

Jeff coached many who went on to play first class rugby such as

Steve and Chris Lakin, Matthew Newman, Ian Fifield and Darren Gibbon.

Paul thanked Jeff for the contribution he had made: "We are very grateful to Jeff who has drawn our dragon logo for Welsh Rugby Clubs Lodge, which has created a wonderful identity that encapsulates the spirit of the lodge."

Paul Haley

Ben is Athletic's player of the month



John Apsee, Emyr Watkin and Ben Davies. (Photo by John Canon).

Bridgend Athletic No 8 Ben Davies has become the new Nathaniel Cars Sales Awards for player of the month.

The trophy for September was presented by Nathaniel Car Sales marketing executive Emyr Watkin, the brother of Owen Watkin, who finished on the field at the end of the great Welsh

victory over Australia. Athletic head coach John Apsee talked about the gratitude BARFC owe its president and Nathaniel Car Sales Managing Director, Wayne Griffiths, for their

continued valued support and sponsorship of the club.

He then reflected on what a great asset No 8 Ben is to Bridgend Athletic RFC, saying: "He is able to play

anywhere from 1-15 on the field.

"In September, as well as at No 8, Ben also filled in on the wing against Pyle and centre against Dunvant, helping out an injury crisis."

Sam puts Doha disappointment behind him and looks ahead to Tokyo Olympics

SPRINTER Sam Gordon is chasing an Olympic dream alongside his role as activity coordinator for the Vale Council's Sports and Play Development team.

Dubbed the fastest man in Wales, Sam holds the national 100m record having scorched to a wind-assisted time of 10.08 seconds in July.

Now he hopes to become the first Welshman to run the distance sub-10 seconds as he bids to secure a place on the Great Britain team at next summer's games in Tokyo.

"Going under 10 seconds would be ground-breaking, not just for myself but for Welsh athletics in general," said Sam.

"It would change everything because it's not been done before. A whole door could open if someone achieves something of that magnitude."

The Cardiff Running Club member spends around 20 hours a week honing his sprinting talent, juggling that commitment with council duties.

Sam helps run a number of after-school sports sessions, including one at Stanwell School where recently the ITV News cameras visited to document his story. The runner's role as activity coordinator is designed to increase the number of children who are physically active.

As part of the 5x60 /Active Young people programme, Sam helps provide a range of opportunities to encourage pupils who may not otherwise take part in extra-curricular school clubs.

Away from the day job, Sam suffered disappointment last year



Sam Gordon

missing out on a British team spot for the World Championships in Doha but, undeterred, he is pushing hard to be on the plane to Japan in around 10 months' time.

"I thought with the way others were performing and how my year went, I would have been in with a shout of going to the World Championships as part of the relay team," Sam added. "Sadly, that didn't happen and it did hurt a bit. I'm not going to lie, I had a little cry because I came so close and I put in so much work this year and I still fell short."

"It did hit home really hard and I did think, am I doing this sport for the right reasons? It's that extra one per cent I need to get in order to get in the Olympic team. If I do make it I will burst into tears."

Phoenix age groups welcome Nelson for two competitive match-ups



Emily Lockyer scored two tries for the under-15s.

THERE was a change of venue when Pencoed Phoenix under-15s and under-18s played Nelson, with the game switched to Pencoed because of a waterlogged pitch.

The day was a treat for any keen rugby fan as the skills from the girls were of a high standard and enjoyable to watch.

It was a credit to all involved.

The coaching staff were proud of the efforts put in by the Pencoed girls against a tough Nelson side who don't give up easily.

Next up for Phoenix juniors are Mountain Ash on October 13.

All are welcome to join Phoenix who have produced a number of Wales international

women players in now both League and Union.

Phoenix Seniors play at Llandaff North on the same day.

Results: Under-15s 19 v Nelson 35. Tries: Emily Lockyer (two); Ellie Nicholson-Lewis (one). Conversions: Hannah Marshall (two).

Under-18s 14 v Nelson 7.

Tries: Catrin Stacey; Mia Davies. Conversions: Evie Evans (captain) two.

Lady of the match was Kaylynn Prosser.

Congratulations go to the senior Phoenix players, Lauren Atkin, Leanne Burnell, Emily Hughes, Laura Keeble and Rebecca Llewellyn Ennis who are in the Wales Women Rugby League squad.



Photos by club photographer Julie Hancock.

No hangover for farmer Gwyn



Winning golfers Mike Tom, Gwyn Thomas, Captain Clive Thomas, Mike Lee and David Williams.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held recently at Cradoc Golf Club in the Brecon Beacons, famous for the magnificent views.

The rare sighting of a Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey Tilt rotor military aircraft flying slowly between the mountains added to the occasion. Sponsored for the 35th consecutive year by popular member Mr Dai John, 28 members

assembled at the first tee, all attempting to win the Arthur John & Co silver cup, together with one of the many quality prizes.

With many participants still showing signs of weariness following their return from their annual tour to Ireland (won by Julian Kelly), it was no surprise that only three competitors returned scores of over 30 Stableford points, with many returning scores suggesting much of the famous 'black stuff' associated with trips across the Irish sea

was still in the system!

One hardy tourist however, who made a rapid recovery was Dyffryn farmer Gwyn Thomas who returned to the clubhouse with a winning score of 34 points followed closely by Mike Lee who scored 33.

David Williams finished in third place with 31, followed by Mark Rees and sponsor Dai John who scored 29.

Mike Tom, now enjoying retirement in Hay on Wye, won the visitors' section with 29 points

on count back over Ben Davies. Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Keith James, John Thomas, David Williams and also Japan-bound Clive Edwards, who hit the longest drive down the 18th fairway to collect the Llanerch Vineyard & Restaurant sponsored prize.

Society captain Clive Thomas correctly guessed just 17 balls would remain out on this spectacular course which raised £100 for the CoppaFeel charity in

St Athan Golf Club Seniors Captain and Charity Day

ST Athan Golf Club seniors captain's charity day attracted a field of 72 competitors from golf clubs both in and beyond the Vale.

Thankfully the weather on the day was, despite a short sharp cold shower early in the day, very good for playing golf. Congratulations must go to our greens staff who presented the course immaculately as usual. The fairways were superb to play from and greens perfect, if not a little more speedy than normal.

Tees were sponsored for the event by local businesses and club members: my thanks to you all for your generosity and support. The Co-op St Athan and Llantwit Major, the Pharmacy and Llandis St Athan, Llantwit Major Sports, Well Pharmacy Llantwit Major, Western Vale Family Practice, PGA professional Mathew Owen Brynhill Golf Club, estate agents Anthony Brown, Chris Davies and Brighter Moves, Chris Williams optician Llantwit Major, John and Janet Davies, Bill Wake, Peter Pumell, Steve Bacon, Hwyl and Mary Philips Morgan and our greens staff and of course the veterans/

seniors section.

The competition format was four ball better ball pairs Stableford open to golfers of all age groups: ladies, gents and juniors, club members and non-members. The first group went out at 8am and the last at 1.30pm playing for first second and third places, as well as minor prizes for nearest the pins at holes six and 16 and accurate/longest drive at the 13th hole.

The triumphant pair on the day were Luke Sloan and Andy McIntyre with a score of 46 points; runners-up were Colm O'Shea and Paul Richards with 43 points on count back from Craig Sherman and Andy Pentith. Nearest the pins went to Garry James and Anthony Brown; accurate/longest drive went to our veterans'/seniors' vice-captain Gerry Turnbull.

Congratulations to you all and a very big thanks to all who took part in making this a memorable day. There was also a raffle of prizes donated by members of the veterans'/seniors' section – thanks to you all for that.

The winners on the day though, are Cancer Research UK, represented by Samantha and Lynn from the Cowbridge branch; and Llantwit Major Surf Life

Saving Club, who will benefit from the £1,330 raised. A proud day for me as veterans'/seniors' captain and St Athan Golf Club.

The presentation of the cheque for Cancer Research UK took place on October 2, coinciding with our October Festival, a major day in our calendar. The festival signifies the end of the competitive season. Trophies and prizes played for throughout the spring and summer are presented.

In addition a further four cups were competed for on the day: 54 golfers from the section took part with a further three joining us for a celebratory lunch. The winners on the day were: Dave Thompson Trophy (best gross) Steve Bacon, r/up Andy McIntyre. Terry Williams Trophy (best nett) Gwyn Favell, r/up Stew Jennings.

Harry Kenyon Trophy (best nett age 68+) Robbie Ford, r/up John Crouch. Emrys Jenkins Trophy (best Stableford) Gerry Turnbull, r/up Andy Williams. Well done all – a great turnout yet again, also thanks to Lianne and the girls for lunch and to the bar staff who were a little more busy than usual! All in all a really good day for the club's veterans' section.

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17 67 HYUNDAI I30 1.0 T GDI SE Nav 5dr, Hyundai warranty Nov 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, Bluetooth, 20k, white £10995

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15 15 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI Premium 5dr (7-Seater), sat nav, reverse camera, 52k, red, full leather £13995

16 16 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI BlueDrive Premium SE 5dr (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty June 2021, sat nav, pan roof, grey, full leather £16795

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17 67 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRD BlueDrive Premium 5dr Automatic, Hyundai warranty Sept 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, 19" alloys, 16k, blue, full leather £17495

16 66 HYUNDAI TUCSON 2.0 CRD Premium 4WD 5dr Automatic, Hyundai warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 19" alloys, 18k, grey, full leather £16795

15 65 JAGUAR XE 2.0 D R-Sport 4dr, sat nav, privacy glass, blue, full leather £11995

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18 68 KIA CEED 1.4 T GDI ISG Blue Edition 5dr, Kia warranty Dec 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, 8k, blue £15995

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16 66 MERCEDES CLA180 AMG Line Edition 4dr, Mercedes warranty Oct 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 6k, black, half-leather £20995

16 66 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 4dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, sat nav, 19" alloys, reverse camera, red, half-leather £19995

18 18 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 2dr Convertible Automatic, Mercedes warranty April 2021, sat nav, 19" alloys, reverse camera, 15k, black £19995

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17 17 RENAULT KADJAR 1.2 TCE Dynamique S Nav 5dr, Renault warranty April 2021, sat nav, 19" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 16k, red, half-leather £12495

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16 66 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 DCI Dynamique Nav 5dr (Facelift), Renault warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, cruise, 25k, blue £9995

18 18 SEAT LEON 1.2 TSI SE Dynamic Technology 5dr, Seat warranty until April 2021, sat nav, cruise, 13k, silver £11995

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17 67 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 CDTi Elite 5dr, Vauxhall warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, 20k, silver, full leather £9995

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16 66 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI R 5dr (400bhp), VW warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, 19k, black £19495

16 66 VW SCIROCCO 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech GT 3dr, sat nav, privacy glass, 30k, white £13795

11 11 VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI Bluemotion Tech Match 5dr, air-con, alloys, Bluetooth, dab, half-leather £17995

16 16 VOLVO V40 2.0 T2 R-Design 5dr, cruise, 17" alloys, 33k, blue £10295

17 67 VOLVO V40 2.0 T3 (152) R-Design Pro 5dr, Volvo warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, 18" alloys, 18k, choice £11995

17 67 VOLVO V40 CROSS COUNTRY 2.0 D3 Pro 5dr, Volvo warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, 20k, gold, full leather £13495

18 68 VOLVO V60 2.0 D4 (190) Momentum Estate Automatic, Volvo warranty Dec 2021, sat nav, heated seats, 19k, black £22495

14 64 VOLVO XC60 2.0 D4 R-Design 5dr Geartronic, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, 45k, black, half-leather £14795

16 16 VOLVO XC60 2.4 D4 R-Design Lux 5dr AWD Automatic, sat nav, privacy glass, cruise, 33k, red, full leather £17995

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18 18 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 2dr Coupe 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty July 2021, sat nav, 19" alloys, reverse camera, 15k, black
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14 64 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 E-HDI 115 Feline 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, red
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17 17 RENAULT KADJAR 1.5 DCI Dynamique S Nav 5dr, sat nav, 19" alloys, grey, half-leather
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15 15 RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCI GT Line Nav 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, 18" alloys, Bluetooth, 42k, red, half-leather
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16 66 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI R 5dr (400bhp), VW warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, 19k, black
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15 15 KIA PRO CEED 1.6 GDI SE 3dr DCT Automatic, Kia warranty July 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, 19" alloys
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16 66 VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI 150 4Motion SEL 5dr DSG Automatic, sat nav, pan roof, 19" alloys
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17 17 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRD BlueDrive Premium 5dr Automatic, Hyundai warranty Sept 2022, sat nav, reverse camera, 19" alloys, 16k, blue, full leather
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16 66 HYUNDAI TUCSON 2.0 CRD Premium 4WD 5dr Automatic, Hyundai warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 19" alloys, 18k, grey, full leather
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16 16 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 2.2 CRDI BlueDrive Premium SE 5dr (7-Seater), Hyundai warranty June 2021, sat nav, pan roof, grey, full leather
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Barry Town Vets go top of the league

THE current League and cup holders, Barry Town Vets 55s, moved to the top of the league after a comfortable 4-0 win against Merthyr in the Wales Veterans Football League.

Barry welcomed back Ballysingh and Staddon after lengthy absences and they slotted seamlessly into defence alongside teammates Jones and Murray, but it was the 'intensity' of their midfield – Brown, Welsh, Huish and Dyke – that was causing real problems for the visitors and they could have been 5-0 up by half time.

However, only Bobbett's free kick strike and a goal by Welsh separated the teams going into the break.

Dupuy and Marshall entered the fray and although the visitors were the more lively at the start of the second half, Barry keeper Jones was rarely troubled. Strikers Sanderson

and Bobbett had several 'Monty Python' moments before man-of-the-match Dyke settled the nerves with a super strike from the edge of the box.

Bobbett put the match beyond the visitors with a crisp finish after a dazzling run from his own half.

Stand-in manager Steve Hill summed-up the game succinctly, saying: "This game should have been put to bed in the first 30 minutes, but although there is a need to be more clinical, the team scored four and played some lovely, flowing football in the process and deserve to be at the top of the league."

Hill later presented the match ball on behalf of the 'Vets', for Barry Town's Welsh Premier League win over Cefn Druids.

Barry Town Vets' over-50s, fresh from a 1-0 victory via a Hodgkinson goal, face Continental from Cardiff, while the over-60s take on Swansea, both on October 20.

Strikers Sanderson

On and off the turf with Brian Lee Two respected racing men will be much missed

HUNT--RACING followers in the Vale of Glamorgan will be saddened to learn of the deaths of bookmaker Alan Wotherspoon of Brackla, and farrier Paul Miles of Merthyr, who often ran his horses at point-to-points held in the Vale.

Alan was in partnership with bookmaker Simon Smith for more than 40 years and attended meetings up and down the country. Mr Smith said: "Alan was known as 'Mr Reliable' as he was always on time when we arranged to meet, and he never complained

about the weather, bad traffic or if we had had a bad day at the races. He will be sadly missed." Alan always had time for a chat and was a very friendly person who loved his racing; and the hunt-racing season will not seem the same without him when it gets under way next month.

Meanwhile, hunt-racing enthusiasts will recall Mr Miles' prolific point-to-point winners *Lady Myfanwy* and *Findlay's Find* who, between them, won many races in the Vale. Equestrian writer/reporter Stella Havard said: "Known affectionately to many as 'The Little Man' Paul was a top class farrier and horsemanship

and much in demand for his expertise. "An accomplished rider between-the-flags in his day, Paul also loved driving harness racehorses on the Welsh Border Association circuits, partnering countless winners, remaining competitive until cruel illness recently curtailed his participation."

"Deeply involved in point-to-pointing, Paul and his wife of 22 years, Myfanwy, have enjoyed spectacular success, notably with the legendary mare *Lady Myfanwy* who won 35 of her 87 starts, landing a handful of national titles.

"Though well-known for his skill and horsemanship

'The Little Man' will be most missed for his friendship and his determination to help anyone who needed it."

Winklemann strikes for Flint

Bridge trainer John Flint took the opening Tote Place Pot Amateur Riders' Handicap (Division 1) at Chelmsford recently with his top-weighted seven-year-old *Winklemann*.

Partnered by stable lass Imogen Mathias, *Winklemann*, who was made the 9-4 favourite in a field of nine runners, won by three and a quarter lengths from

LetMeStopYouThere. **Brian Lee**

Gareth gets his first hole-in-one



THE heavy rain not only put paid to St Mary's senior section's main competition of the week but also their scheduled match with the seniors of Neath Golf Club.

Later in the week, however, in a brief respite from the rain, 14 of their number braved the soggy fairways to play a team Texas Scramble.

The number of entrants allowed for two teams of three and two teams of four and at the end of the day, one of each were tied for the lead on net seven under par 61.

The highlight of the day, however, came at the 134 yard seventh hole where, after a golfing career of 20 years, long time member

Gareth Jones achieved his first hole in one.

Gareth, of Heol yr Ysgol, Tondy, used a five rescue club into the wind from the elevated tee and watched with delight as the perfectly struck ball landed on the green just a yard from the flag, took a single bounce and trickled into the hole.

Fellow team members, Andrew Lane and Jon Legg happily shared in the benefit as Jones' eagle contribution helped in their three-ball tying for the win.

Standing for the traditional round at the 19th hole, Gareth said, "I knew I'd hit it well and I thought I might have a chance of a two."

"I was amazed when I saw it disappear into the hole."

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Ath Generals grab a late win at Ammanford

WITH a new WRU ruling that a side unable to contest scrums due to lack of genuine front row forwards must sacrifice a player, the Athletic Generals were forced to play their home fixture against Ammanford a player short throughout the game.

An impressive team performance saw replacement Rory Thomas score a late try to secure a narrow 11-10 WRU Conference Central victory for the Athletic.

Ill-discipline from Ammanford was punished when Athletics wing Liam Phillips opened the scoring with a penalty. As the half progressed the Athletic started making errors at the breakdown leading to an Ammanford penalty levelling the scores.

Some evasive runs from the base of the ruck saw Athletic scrum half Daniel Knill making good yardage and securing a second penalty goal for Liam Phillips, giving the Athletic a 6-3 half time lead. Despite to and fro

rugby at the start of the second half it wasn't until the last 15 minutes that the game burst into life. A full-on effort by the Athletic 14 with Rhys Jones having a short powerful spell before leaving with a head injury and Josh Evans useful at the breakdown, along with strong defensive efforts from Harry Harries put the Athletic on the front foot.

However, playing throughout with 14 players started to take its toll and Ammanford used their advantage to create an overlap to score in the corner and lead 10-6.

This only spurred the Generals on to get the game back in their control. The pack crossed for what the Athletic thought was a legitimate try, only to be disappointed by the referee ruling an Ammanford player had prevented the grounding.

The disappointment was short lived as from the resultant attacking five-metre scrum, Rory Thomas picked up and forced his way over for what proved a very positive 11-10 Generals victory. **AB**

THE rain cleared and the sun shone on the Vale football league, and the goals poured.

Another week and another new league leader in the Premier Division as Cadroxton Imps took top spot. Imps produced a fine display against Island Marine, coming away from Maslin Park with a 2-0 win.

Imps knocked St Athan off top spot, with St Athan being edged in a 3-2 thriller by Barry Athletic with Harry Carter getting the winner.

Holton Road came back from two goals down against AFC Rhose to draw 2-2. The result keeps Holton Road as the only unbeaten side in the

division and Rhose stay second.

Cogan Coronation moved their push toward top spot, up to fourth as they notched their third win on the bounce with an impressive 4-1 victory at Cowbridge Town and finally in the Prem, Tynewydd broke their Premier Division duck by picking up their first win of the season as they came out 4-3 winners against Cardiff Airport.

In Division One, leaders AFC Rhose B continued to bulldoze through the division as they defeated Holton Road B 4-0.

Cadoxton Barry continue to stay right on Rhose' tail with an impressive 5-1 at Burnham Avenue against Vale Madrid. Barry Vikings' excellent form continued as they trounced

St Athan B 9-0 to maintain their push toward top spot. Rhose Social continue to climb the table and they picked up another fine result as they saw off Vale United 3-1.

Penarth Town B got a much needed win as they fought back from two goals down to beat Barry Athletic B 4-2. Finally, Cwm Talwg got their second win of the season just edging SP Billy 1-0.

A great Saturday of football in the Vale, next weekend it's the return of the SWFA Senior Cup, with five Vale league sides in action. We also see a couple of Prem games and a full division one fixture list. **HD**

Barrival Bridge Club news

THE results for Barrivale Bridge Club for September 24 are as follows:

First, Adrian and Diana Trickey, 59.90 per cent; second, Mark Roderick and Kay Dyer, 59.38; third, Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews, 54.17. The handicap winners were Alan and Lyn. New members are welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. Call 01446 418380,

01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday.

If you wish to start learning bridge, come along from 10am-12.30pm. You will be taught by experienced bridge players and handouts are provided.

There is also assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm on Thursdays at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP. **LH**

Tim's winning streak continues

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan has certainly got his horses in fine fettle.

Last Wednesday, he had an across the card double with *Akkapenko*, which won at Huntingdon and 9-2 chance *Jembug Drummer*, which scored at Bangor.

The former won the two-and-a-half mile handicap hurdle (division two) under champion jockey Richard Johnson and the latter took the maiden hurdle when stable jockey Alan

Johns got his mount home some 12 lengths ahead of the odds-on favourite *Cawthorne*.

Akkapenko, which went off the 9-4 favourite, won by half-a-length from the bottom-weighted *Talking Pictures TV*.

Then on Thursday, Johns was back in the winner's enclosure again when Vaughan's *Eva's Oska* scored at Warwick at odds of 11-2.

Brian Lee

Brynhill's Kyrn is county champ!

A BUSY weekend at Brynhill Golf Club started on Saturday with the Captain's Invitational.

Best of the bunch was Lisa Taylor who carded 42 points, a couple better than captain Jamie Griffiths, with Wenvoe member Craig Balchin coming third, and thanks go to all who supported it.

On Sunday, prizes for both best gross and best nett were contested. The winner of the Marcus Watt Cup for best nett score was Paul Clark, with a handicap shrinking 67, one ahead of club champion Scotty Bowman.

Scott is a scratch golfer and his fine four-under par 68 was good enough to secure

the Ken Murphy Cup, in a round that included a brilliant hole in one on the par three ninth.

Last week, Brynhill's Kyrn Sullivan won the Glamorgan Amateur Trophy against a very strong field at Wenvoe, a top quality 66 (six under par) blew the competition away and was four better than second-placed Llewelyn Mathews.

Next week, we pay tribute to Brynhill legend John Collins when we battle for his Foundation Cup. John is hugely missed at the Barry course and his work with the junior section will never be forgotten. **AS**



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Athletic grab an away win at 'a hard place to visit'

BRIDGE N D Athletic were made to grind out a 16-13 victory to take Birchgrove's 18-month ground record – their last defeat was in April 2018.

Birchgrove have had a meteoric rise from Division 3 West Central to Division 1 West Central with successive promotions. Last season their home record stood intact and they only suffered two home defeats in season 2017-2018.

The Athletic made a nervy start in the wet greasy conditions, dropping the kick-off inside their own 22 and having to withstand an early onslaught from the home side. They were certainly more ferocious than their nickname the Robins, with their red and white hooped jerseys. In the 10th and 12th minutes the Athletic were penalised, first for offside and then handling in a ruck. Birchgrove wing Matthew Edwards made them pay with two good penalty goals.

The next 30 minutes was a battle fought between the 22-metre lines by the heavier Birchgrove pack and the lighter, more mobile Athletic 8, with both sides also going aerial looking for mistakes. Both full backs, Athletics' Robin Davies and Birchgrove's Adam Rowlands, were sound under the aerial bombardment. Despite a lighter pack the Athletic scrum with front row Matthew Muir, Lee Murphy and Matthew Norman showing good technique won a few scrum penalties.

Ben Cording and Sean Williams were also disrupting the Birchgrove line out as well as securing their own possession and setting up effective driving mauls. Birchgrove were showing better ball retention and forcing the Athletic defence to make a high tackle count, with the back row of Williams, Ben Howe and Will Baracloud and centres made them pay with two good penalty goals.

With the half ending, the Athletic were awarded a penalty 35 metres out. Outside half Jacob Lloyd made no mistake to reduce the Athletic deficit to 6-3 at half time.

Ten minutes into the second half Birchgrove lock Chris Gorvett was yellow carded for a high tackle on Athletic captain Ben Howe. Lloyd again slotted a 35-metre penalty, but Birchgrove survived the sin bin without conceding another point.

The Athletic were now starting to get on top. Scrum half Aled Thomas was using good possession to put in some effective box kicks. Wing Tom James went on a long run before putting centre Tom Davies into space but the final pass went behind wing Cameron Lewis, ending a promising move.

The Athletic refreshed their front row with props Wayne Fooks and Morgan Clemett joining the action. The Athletic pack were now exerting

control with Williams ruling the line out and lock Jonathon Stoker carrying well.

With ten minutes remaining the Athletic had a line out 20 metres from the home try line. Ben Cording caught the ball and the Athletic set up an effective driving maul. Birchgrove infringed and, with the referee playing a penalty advantage, Athletic centres Tom Davies and Joe Patterson safely joined the maul and helped drive it over the line where Ben Howe secured the touchdown. Lloyd's conversion put the Athletic ahead for the first time in the game at 13-6. Two minutes later Lloyd added his third penalty to give the Athletic breathing space with a 16-6 advantage.

Birchgrove were now forced to throw caution to the wind. They won a ruck on the Athletic 22 and slick passing saw wing Matthews cross in the corner. His excellent touchline conversion meant he had all 13 Birchgrove points. Determined to

preserve their ground record Birchgrove tried everything to break a resolute Athletic defence in the final five minutes, but the Athletic kept them a distance from their try line to secure a hard-earned victory.

Team manager Paul Hearne said "The coaches were happy with a good result at a hard place to visit. They were pleased that following a scrappy first half performance with many mistakes and handling errors the side rallied. The Athletic were the better team in the second half, retaining possession better than Birchgrove, and improving their tactical kicking. Superior fitness also contributed to the win."

This Saturday, October 12, the Athletic host North Wales side Bala RFC in a second round Specsavers National Plate Cup tie, before resuming Division 1 West Central league action away at Skewen on October 19.

Adrian Burt

An away defeat for Tondy First XV



Tondy's front row get ready. Photo by Gareth Anthony.

THIS league one encounter for Tondy at Bonymaen was never going to be a spectacular, as with driving rain and a freezing mist engulfing the ground at kick off, handling was always going to be a problem for both sides.

Indeed, a quarter of the match had gone before we saw the first points on the scoreboard, a penalty from Bonymaen outside half Lawrence Thomas. Neither side could hold on to the ball long enough to threaten the try line. Two more Thomas penalties made it 9-0 to the home side as we reached half time.

The second period saw Tondy

rally and during a long period of pressure they were unlucky not to get anything on the scoreboard. Bonymaen made their way upfield and it was full back Sam Jones who kicked a fourth penalty in the 60th minute.

Tondy then had a further period of pressure, but were thwarted by a stubborn home defence, only for Bonymaen to score the game's only try from a counter attack, with Sam Jones going over in the corner. He converted it to make the final score 19-0 to the home side. Tondy return to the Swansea valley side next Saturday for a WRU Plate second round encounter, let's hope for better conditions so we can see more of a running game.

Report by Mike Sully

Celtic survive the early pressure to grab away win

MAESTEG Celtic visited Heol y Cyw for their fourth away game of the season and came away with a fine 32-11 win.

Conditions were good to begin with but soon deteriorated with the arrival of the rain. Heol y Cyw used their bigger aggressive pack, which drove constantly at the Celtic defence, but they could not establish any dominance over the visitors as the Celtic pack stood firm against a stampede of charging forwards.

The Celtic front five of Mark Wilkins, Ashley Poole, Mathew Phillips, Kieran Power and Alex Jones were heroic in defence while the back row of man-of-the-match,

Peter Kehoe, Jonathan Davies and captain Oliver Petty were tireless at the breakdown to prevent their opponents winning quick ball.

Celtic opened the scoring with a penalty by outside half Scott Sainsbury. They went further ahead when hooker Ashley Poole harassed the home defence and earned a penalty.

Alex Jones won the ball from the ensuing lineout and scrum half Leon Evans set the three quarters going. A long miss pass by centre Kristian Jenkins found full back Scot James who put wing Ieuan Morris over in the corner.

Heol y Cyw closed the gap with a penalty before the Celtics responded with another

try. A three-quarter move allowed centre Lee Arthur to kick behind the home defence and wing Liam Healy followed up and forced the defence to concede a penalty.

Celtic chose a scrum and number eight Oliver Petty crossed for a touchdown. The half ended with a try by the home team. Celtic scored two more tries in the second half. The first came after they pounded the home try line and Jonathan Davies touched down from a push over scrum.

The second came as a result of a powerful drive by prop Nathan Jenkins which led to a ruck near the try line, from which scrum half Liam Healy sneaked over in the corner.

KS

A good win for Pencoeed out west

FOLLOWING events of last week, this reporter travelled west with a certain amount of trepidation.

Oh, ye of little faith. Pencoeed opened the scoring with a penalty from Rhys Clarke on four minutes. Morriston scored the first try of the game seven minutes later, and converted it.

Pencoeed scored next when Rhys Bargery picked the perfect angle to scamper over from 30 metres to score wide out. Rhys Clarke added a fine touchline conversion.

On 27 minutes, Morriston kicked a penalty, only for Rhys Clarke to reply in kind soon after. The final score of the half went to Pencoeed. Counter attacking from deep, the ball was moved to Jamie Dyer in space wide out. He used his pace to out-run the defence

to score wide out. Rhys Clarke again kicked a fine conversion to leave a half time score of 10-20.

Pencoeed scored first in the second half when Brandon Mullen spotted a gap in the home defence, near a breakdown, to run over untouched. It was unconverted and then Morriston dragged themselves back into the game with an unconverted try on 55 minutes. Pencoeed scored their bonus point try on the hour mark when captain Dano Howells pinched a line out and the impressive Brandon Mullen, chipped over the defence, caught his own kick, and passed to the supporting Jack Walker, who ran 20 metres unopposed. Rhys Clarke duly added the extras. The final act of the game was a third successive penalty for Rhys Clarke to leave a final score of 15-35.

Man of the match was Brandon Mullen. SHD

PORHCRAWL welcomed Seven Sisters to South Road on an afternoon where the rain set in to ruin the second half of the match, which will be remembered for an outstanding try hat-trick from flanker Louis Protheroe, who now has seven tries in three matches.

Seven Sisters' jumbo pack would prove to be difficult opponents in close driving play and at the set-piece throughout the afternoon, and they provided stiff opposition despite the scoreline of 31-7 to Porthcawl.

The Seaweeds simply played a brand of running rugby that took the steam out of the visitors. On eight minutes, Protheroe nabbed his first try, showing smart pace to break through, with Josh White converting to make it 7-nil.

It was White turning provider moments later to give Protheroe the scoring pass as again

the young flanker sliced through at the posts, White's extras making it 14-nil in less than even time.

The first half weather was conducive to running rugby and when Porthcawl's ever-dependable scrum-half Tom Davies took advantage of a quick tap penalty to move up the left hand side of the field, he offloaded perfectly to provide centre Jon Phillips with a scoring pass and the speedster flew over at the corner for another superb try. White's superb conversion from touch made it 21 points without reply as the visitors struggled to cope with the pace, despite the intensity of their forward play around the park when they had the ball.

Protheroe was having a marvellous afternoon as the stand-out performer in the home side and when he achieved his hat-trick minutes before the interval with another superb try off skipper Leon McNally's pass, again converted by White, his achievement virtually

sounded the death knell for Seven Sisters as far as the result was concerned, 28-nil at the break.

The second half was a different story as the rain came in and levelled matters, with the conditions more suited to the visitors' driving forward play and the match drifted along until the 52 minute when the Sisters managed a converted try in consolation from yet another forward drive.

Try as they still might, Porthcawl simply couldn't capitalise on their possession in the wet conditions and it was coming close to full-time when White nabbed the final points of the day and a bonus point win at 31-7, taking the Seaweeds to the top of the division, four matches in.

Porthcawl take a break from League action this weekend. However, on Friday evening the new Ladies Senior XV play their first match under the South Road lights against Talbot Reds and all supporters are urged to be there to shout them on, kick-off at 7-15pm.

PF